

Chiang Kai-shek Issues Outright Invite to Reds

CHUNGKING (AP)—The Chinese Central Government today countered a Communist plan for a truce by proposing to bring Gen. George C. Marshall, United States presidential envoy to China, into the discussions for a cessation of hostilities.

The move to bring Gen. Marshall into the peace picture came as Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek made an outright bid to the Communists to join a government that would unify China.

The government proposed that it and the Communists appoint representatives to confer with Gen. Marshall on procedure for halting hostilities and restoring railroad communications.

If accepted, the government's counterproposal would give Marshall a direct part in attempts to avert all-out civil war.

Shortly before the announcement that a plan had been submitted to the Communists in writing, the generalissimo went on the air.

In a New Year's message to the Chinese people, he announced the government is ready to invite leaders of other political parties "to take part in the government, either in the policy-making councils or the executive branches."

They would be welcomed into the government, he said, before the National Assembly meets May 5 to consider a new constitution for China.

LATEST

Gales Forecast

Gales on the west coast of Vancouver Island and in the Queen Charlotte Islands were forecast for this afternoon by weather observers. The winds may spread to the Strait of Georgia by 8 p.m., veering to southwest and decreasing after 5 a.m. tomorrow.

Honor From Varsity

TORONTO (CP)—Gen. Eisenhower will visit this city Jan. 12 to accept an honorary degree from the University of Toronto, President Sydney Smith announced today. Mrs. Eisenhower is expected to accompany the general.

Take Veterans Back

OTTAWA (CP)—Arthur MacNanara, Deputy Minister of Labor, said today "tens of thousands" of veterans had been placed back in civilian jobs without any interference by the government.

Cold in Manitoba

WINNIPEG (CP)—Manitoba was greeted with the coldest weather on the prairies today with the thermometer dipping to 32 below zero at Brandon and 24 in Winnipeg, and the weatherman promised little relief. Forecast for the first day of the New Year is "decidedly cold."

Canadian Scots Expected Thursday

The indications are today that the arrival home of the 1st Battalion, the Canadian Scottish Regiment, will not be until Thursday, according to Capt. H. S. C. Archibald, one of the principle Scottish officers working on the homecoming program for this island unit, which established a great fighting name in World War II.

The 1st Battalion, composed of 460 all ranks, is speeding across Canada on special C.P.R. trains bound for Victoria. It was reported that the unit will arrive in Winnipeg today where it will be accorded a reception by the Winnipeg Branch of the Canadian Scottish Regimental Association.

The present schedule is that the unit will arrive in Vancouver at approximately 8 Thursday morning and will embark on a special steamer to Victoria an hour and a half later, arriving here at 2.45.

It was pointed out that the Victoria reception program times remain as originally scheduled with the parade starting at 3.

The troopship will be met in the straits by H.M.C.S. Crescent, a flight of R.C.A.F. planes and escorted into Victoria Harbor. The steamer's approach to Victoria will be heralded by a salute from the Coast Artillery and the blare of whistles and sirens from ships and establishments of the city.

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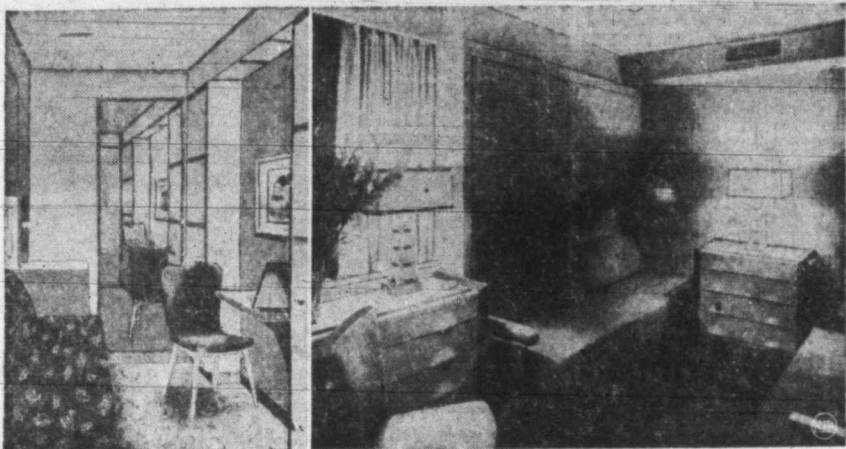
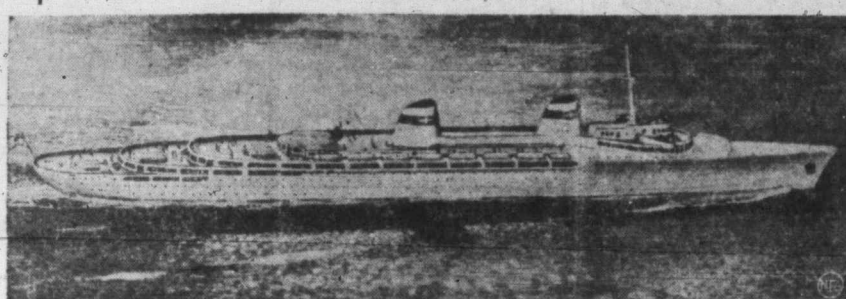
Weather Forecast

Victoria and Vicinity — Tuesday: Fresh to strong southwest winds, cloudy and mild with occasional rain. Temperature noon Monday, 48. Sunday's Temperatures — Min. 45; Max. 48. Sunshine: 24 minutes. Rainfall: .09 inch.

PRICE FIVE CENTS

Verdict of Murder At Inquest On Hindu

Super-Liners Planned for Orient Trade



Anticipating unprecedented postwar overseas travel, the U.S. Maritime Commission has plans which include two super-modern trans-Pacific express liners like that shown in drawing at top. These 900-foot air-conditioned queens of the deep will travel at speeds of 29½ knots, carry 1,000 passengers, and maintain fortnightly service between the U.S. and the Far East. Typical will be the standard compartment, sketched at left, and the more elaborate stateroom, right.

Hitler's Will Causes Furore Among Nazi Leaders On Trial

NUERNBERG (AP)—Adolf Hitler's last will, calling Hermann Goering and Heinrich Himmler traitors, created a furore today among the 20 arch Nazis awaiting in the Nuernberg jail for their trials as war criminals to be resumed Wednesday.

The sensational charges, written by the trapped Fuehrer in the Berlin chancellery bunker on the eve of his suicide with his mistress bride, Eva Braun, were learned by the prisoners during a busy morning filled with conferences with their lawyers.

To Goering, Hitler's condemnation came as no surprise for the S.S. and S.A. had arrested him in Berchtesgaden on April 23 while he was expecting to become the new German Fuehrer. The ousted Reichsmarschal had not suspected, however, the full extent to which Himmler, suicide head of the Gestapo, also had slipped from Hitler's favor.

Virtually all the other prisoners were reported surprised at the language used in the will in actions against the two Nazis, who next to Hitler had wielded the most power.

"Altogether from their disloyalty to me, Goering and Himmler have brought irreparable shame on the country and the whole nation by secretly negotiating with the enemy without my knowledge and against my will and also illegally attempting to seize control of the state."

HE DID NOT KNOW
Arthur Seyss-Inquart, named in the will as Joachim von Ribbentrop's successor as foreign minister, was understood not to have known before of such an appointment. He was reported to have received the tardy word of this dubious honor today with his usual phlegmatic calm.

Ribbentrop was said to have hidden whatever disappointment he may have felt at learning the will ignored him completely. He has described himself as "the last foreign minister of defeated Germany."

Hitler sought to picture himself as a martyr. He bequeathed the German people the Nazi creed of fierce loyalty to the state and hatred of the Jews.

His final admonition was: "Above all, I enjoin the government of the nation and the people to uphold the racial laws to the limit and resist mercilessly the poisoner of all nations, international Jewry."

The text of the political testament—together with texts of Hitler's personal will, an appendix to the testament by Propaganda Minister Paul Joseph Goebbels and a document recording Hitler's marriage to Eva Braun—was released Sunday by Allied authorities.

The better informed prisoners seemed agreed that Goering had been the victim of plotting by Deputy Party Fuehrer Martin Bormann and Dr. Goebbels, who had worked to destroy Hitler's confidence in him. Bormann now is being tried in absentia; Goebbels' body was found in the chancellery.

TALKED WITH BERNADOTTE
Himmler apparently had dealt more independently in peace negotiations with Count Folke Bernadotte of Sweden than had been believed. The prisoners gave this as the likeliest reason for Himmler's "disgrace."

Grand Admiral Karl Doenitz appeared to be better informed than any of the prisoners over the content of the Hitler document. He has explained that he was notified of his appointment as Reich President and Supreme Commander and as such, started peace preliminaries on his own initiative.

Sailor Dies After
Christmas Mishap
Unconscious for five days after being thrown from his motorcycle after striking a curb on Johnson Street on Christmas Eve, Frederick James Moyer, a sailor stationed at Esquimalt, died in Naden Hospital late Saturday night from injuries he received.

Coroner E. C. Hart said today that no inquest would be held. "His death was an accident," the coroner said.

Moyer, 21 years old, was born in Medicine Hat where his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Moyer, and two brothers, Jack and Frank, live.

He was stationed at Esquimalt for the last three months. The body is being shipped to Medicine Hat for burial.

No Times Tomorrow
New Year's Day will be a holiday for this newspaper. The next regular editions will appear Wednesday.

MacArthur Not Consulted As To 4-Power Control

TOKYO (AP)—Gen. MacArthur announced Sunday night he had objected two months in advance to the Japanese control arrangement made at Moscow by the Big Three, and was not consulted during the conference; but nevertheless intends to "try to make it work."

Gen. MacArthur issued a special, pointed denial of a statement in Washington by Thomas Blank, press officer of the Far Eastern Commission, that the supreme commander in Japan had not objected beforehand to the control plan and was "kept fully informed throughout the Moscow conference at which it was adopted."

Gen. MacArthur's declaration said: "The statement attributed to the Far Eastern Commission officer that I did not object to the new Japanese control plan before it was approved at Moscow is incorrect. On Oct. 31 my final disagreement was contained in my radio to the Chief of Staff for the Secretary of State, advising that the terms in my opinion are not acceptable." Since that time my views have not been sought. Any impression which the statement might imply that I was consulted during the Moscow conference is also incorrect. I have no lota of responsibility for the decisions which were made there.

"I might add that whatever the merits or demerits of the plan, it is my firm intent within the authority entrusted to me to try to make it work. The issues involved are too vital for the future of the world to have them bogged down. With good will on the part of those concerned, it is my fervent hope that there will be no insuperable obstacles. As I said before, it is my full purpose to see it through."

Honors, Promotions
In Final Edition
Names of recipients of awards in the King's Canadian New Year's Honors List, not to be released until after 4 p.m. today, will be published in the regular Four-Star Edition of the Victoria Daily Times, available on the streets at 5.15 p.m. New Year's promotions in the navy will be released at the same time and will also be carried in the Four-Star Edition.

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RESCUE CREW—Nine veteran miners are shown as they went into the shaft of the Pineville, Kentucky, coal mine where an explosion trapped 31 men last Wednesday. Of the nine men brought out, two have died. The fate of the other 22 in the pit is unknown. Today it was decided to seal the mine at once to extinguish the fire sweeping the galleries.



Chiang Kai-shek, son of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, has gone to Moscow for consultations on Manchuria. There is a possibility that Chiang, who has been his father's chief diplomat for several weeks, may consult on developments that have occurred as a result of the Big Three Foreign Ministers' Conference.

Drunkenness Among Young Indian Girls Alarms Magistrate

Commenting on the young Indian girls found intoxicated on Victoria's streets, Magistrate H. C. Hall in City Police Court today suggested that the Indian agent be contacted on the matter.

P. J. Sinnott, acting city prosecutor, stated that he would communicate with the agent.

"It is a problem what to do with these young Indian girls. We've tried a number of things, without much success," Magistrate Hall said.

Two girls appeared before him this morning and on pleading guilty to a charge of intoxication were fined \$10 each. When asked where she got the liquor, one girl said a colored man gave it to her. When asked his name she said he asked her back to Seattle.

During the past several months, Indian girls have been charged almost daily with drunkenness, and in most cases have told the magistrate they had received the liquor "from a sailor."

"Who has told you to say that?" Magistrate Hall has asked them on several occasions, but an answer never was given.

In most cases they have been arrested on Chinatown streets, and in a few cases the \$10 bail for these cases has been paid. It always was asserted when the girl failed to appear in court to answer the charge.

The girls always pleaded guilty and never contested the intoxication charges.

No Geese and Few Turkeys for New Year

Holiday fare in city meat markets was pretty slim for those who did not order their New Year's turkey or goose along with the Christmas bird, according to several meat dealers in the city today. There were very few turkeys and most stores had no geese at all. Some stores were out of both geese and turkeys.

One wholesale house said that it had received no shipments since before Christmas.

Vancouver Notables Hurt in California

VANCOUVER (CP)—Word was received here today that George Irvine, well-known race-horse owner, had been released from hospital after being treated for injuries received in an automobile crash Sunday near Atascadero. With Irvine in the automobile was Percy Williams, famed Olympic athlete of Vancouver.

Arrests Expected 'Very Soon', Say City Detectives

Shortly after a coroner's jury returned a verdict this morning of "murder by a person or persons yet unknown," in the death of 80-year-old Sunda Singh of Victoria's Hindu colony, Inspector John H. Rogers, chief investigator of the city detective force, said a solution and arrests in the case could be expected "very soon."

The inspector said that a middle-aged Hindu who had been held for questioning in connection with the murder since last Thursday night, had been released Sunday.

He intimated that two or three Hindus were being sought now. Also police were fairly certain that the attack on the aged East Indian was made by more than one person.

At the inquest which was conducted by Coroner E. C. Hart at McCall Brothers' Funeral Parlor, Dr. John H. Moore testified that Sunda Singh died from a hemorrhage of the jugular vein which had been pierced by a sharp instrument which "could have been a knife." The wound which was about an inch wide and an inch and a half deep was made in a downward direction on the right side of the neck in front of the mastoid; the doctor said.

SAW BODY BY CHANCE
Mr. Mowat said he used to see Sunda daily passing the lumber company offices, and that on Thursday morning he had by chance glanced through a window while going down some stairs, and seen the body near the stable next door. He called police and waited for them to arrive before going near the body.

Ganaska Singh identified the body and said he had seen Sunda in town the day before Christmas. Harkam Singh testified as to seeing Sunda on Christmas Day in a bus station down town.

"He was talking to another man," Harkam said, "and I talked to them for a little while before I caught my bus. The other man caught his bus for Duncan and we left Sunda Singh there."

In summing up the evidence, Coroner Hart told the jury that the death of the Hindu was clearly homicide. "Usually the presumption of murder goes with it, and if you bring in such a verdict, it will be accepted," he said.

Jury included: Joseph Kelly, foreman; John W. Ker, John E. Carver, James C. Armour and Ralph Bagley.

Old-Time New Year's Back

In line with the round of entertainments that have marked the first festive season since the end of the war, official, civic and military Victoria will once again revive the old custom of New Year's Day receptions.

At Government House for the first time since 1943 Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. W. C. Woodward will be at home to callers. The reception will be from 11 to 1 in the drawing room and ballroom. Government House's panelled hall has been banked with poinsettias for the occasion while the other rooms have been decked with cypresses.

Mayor Percy George with incoming and retiring aldermen will be at home in the mayor's office at City Hall to greet Victorians between 10 a.m. and noon.

Also between 10 and noon will be the at home at Work Point's garrison officers' mess when Col. C. T. Batten, officer commanding, will receive members of the mess and honorary members. At the Garrison officers' mess tonight will be the first formal New Year's Eve ball since the outbreak of war with 100 guests expected.

Other military establishments entertaining on New Year's Day will include the Kings Own Rifles of Canada who will be at home in their mess on Macaulay Plains between 2 and 3 and the 42nd A.A. Battery, R.C.A. who will receive at their mess at Harrison Point, Macaulay, between 2.30 and 3.30.

NAVY BALL
Although Givenchy and Naden wardrooms are not holding New Year's Day receptions there will be a formal New Year's Eve ball at the latter starting at 10 to night. Naval officers in the

Esquimalt area and their friends will attend with 250 couples expected.

Members of the Y.M.C.A. are looking forward to their annual "at home" New Year's Day at the "Y" between 2 and 5.30 when the board of directors will be hosts to the public.

Ring in 1946 will be the bells of Christ Church Cathedral which will commence at 11.30 p.m. Until midnight they will be partially muffled in honor of Canada's fighting men who met death in the second World War. Following an old English custom Christ Church Cathedral's bells will chime God Save the King at midnight. After that they will be rung with no muffles.

Victoria theatres planning midnight movies for patrons were expecting a sell-out as in other years today. At the Capitol all seats were already sold for "The Polly Sisters," starring Betty Grable, June Haver and John Payne. Dominion and Atlas Theatres reported tickets now being sold for "The House on 92nd Street" and "People are Funny," respectively.

A survey of Victoria's night spots today, ranging from the Empress Hotel to country dance halls, showed every entertainment centre booked for a New Year's Eve dance and every orchestra engaged. Prices for those who will ring the New Year in range from formal parties at \$12.50 a couple to those at dance halls which will cost the revellers as little as \$1 a couple.

Over the week-end members of Billy Tickle's orchestra were busy rehearsing with the special floor show brought by the management from United States to entertain the crowd of 500 which will throng the crystal ballroom.

Final plans for a big evening were also being made by the management of such places as the Crystal Garden, Sirocco, Oak Bay Golf Club, Uplands Golf Club and Yacht Club.

Also catering to large crowds of members and friends will be the Elks and Eagles clubs. At the Y.M.C.A. 300 will see 1946 in at a dance staged by the newly-formed veterans' club.

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**Inquest On Nanaimo
Traffic Mishap Victim**

NANAIMO (CP)—Coroner W. H. Jones has ordered an inquest Thursday into the death of Peter Egger, 24, who was killed Saturday night while walking on Second Street three-quarters of a mile from the city's centre.

A preliminary coroner's inquiry revealed he was struck in the back by an automobile.

He is survived by one son and a daughter here.

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**Byrnes Says Moscow Pact Brings
New Hope to War-Wearied Peoples**

WASHINGTON (AP)—State Secretary Byrnes said Sunday night that agreements reached by the Big Three foreign ministers in Moscow "should bring hope to the war-weary peoples of many lands."

He emphasized that the control machinery set up for Japan would not obstruct the administration of Gen. MacArthur.

In a broadcast report to the United States on the momentous conference from which he returned Saturday, Mr. Byrnes conceded that many of the solutions reached were not ideal, but he said they would facilitate the signing of final peace treaties and permit war-stricken peoples to start "on the long road to economic recovery."

The secretary reiterated his statement first made in Moscow that the conference communiqué covered all subjects on which the ministers reached agreement "apart from instructions to the representatives of the three governments to facilitate agreements in the field."

PROVIDES SAFEGUARDS

The secretary said the order in which the four objectives of atomic energy control were set forth in the communiqué did not indicate the order in which they were to be considered.

"In particular," he said, "it was intended and is understood that the matter of safeguards will apply to the recommendations of the commission in relation to every phase of the subject and at every stage."

Indeed, at the root of the whole matter lies the problem of providing the necessary safeguards."

Mr. Byrnes disclosed that the

subject of atomic energy control had been placed last on the Moscow agenda "at the request of the Soviet government."

These discussions, he said, were limited to the British-Canadian-American proposal for establishment by the United Nations of a commission on atomic energy and related matters on the lines suggested by President Truman, Prime Minister Attlee and Premier King.

He said neither the United States nor any other country would be expected to share its armament secrets until it was certain that "effective safeguards had been developed to insure our mutual protection."

Amplifying remarks of Foreign Secretary Bevin of Britain on Iran, Mr. Byrnes said the troubled affairs of that country were on the Moscow agenda and that at one stage, agreement seemed imminent for establishment of a three-power commission to study Iranian problems.

He was "not discouraged" by the failure to agree on Iran, Mr. Byrnes said. He added that it was the only important item on the agenda on which accord was not reached.

The State Secretary said that "from the outset" the United States had planned to make control of Japan "an Allied responsibility."

Establishment of the 11-power commission in Washington, with the veto power reserved for the United States, Russia, Britain and China, assured that no basic Allied policy for Japan could be adopted without American concurrence.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

British Bundles—It has been decided to close British Bundles on March 31. It will therefore be impossible to accept further donations after Jan. 1. ***

Community watch-night service will be held in Emmanuel Baptist Church tonight, 11.15. ***

Charming new cover design (Vancouver Island Lily) makes "Island Trails" ideal gift. Ready for mailing; 75c at book and department stores. ***

Christmas was brightened at the Saanich Health Centre and Mental Home, Wilkinson Road, by gifts of fruit, cake, candy, biscuits and nuts prepared by the Royal Oak Women's Institute and made possible by Mrs. S. S. Osborne, through whose effort this Christmas cheer donated by city merchants was connected. ***

Dr. W. R. Loudon, recently of the Canadian Dental Corps, wishes to announce the opening of his office for the practice of dentistry at the Garesche Bldg., 732 Yates St. Phone G 6412. ***

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Watchnight service, First Baptist Church, Dec. 31, at 11.30. ***

**British Intelligence
Now Fully Believes
Hitler Death Report**

HERFORD, Germany (AP)—The full story of the escape of three messengers from Adolf Hitler's Berlin chancellery with his last testaments was told today by a British intelligence officer who said there now was no possible doubt that the Nazi Fuehrer died in his battered bunker.

Exhaustive questioning of all persons known to have witnessed Hitler's last hours who are in British hands disclosed the full sequence of events which British intelligence now accepts as the true version of Hitler's death, the officer said.

The officer said that on the basis of accumulated evidence on events during the last days in the subterranean bunker, Hitler died at about 3 p.m. on April 30 after about 36 hours of married life with his mistress, Eva Braun.

The messengers carrying triplicate copies of Hitler's will died the day before.

When the Russians surrounded the bunker and all physical contact with German forces was severed, Hitler decided the end was in sight.

ORDERED MARRIAGE

The Fuehrer then ordered Walter Wagner, a Berlin municipal official, to solemnize his marriage to the Braun woman. The British officer said the ceremony was believed to have taken place at 3 a.m. on April 29.

Previously, the British officer said the wedding was believed to have occurred on April 30, on the basis of testimony of a woman pilot, Hanna Reitsch.

He said it was now known that the Reitsch woman and Gen. Ritter von Greim—successor to Herman Goering as head of the German air force—flew from the Charlottenburger Chaussee in the early hours of April 29, and not on April 30, as had been stated previously.

Immediately after the marriage, the officer said, Hitler dictated his personal and political testaments to his secretary. Shortly after 10 a.m., three reliable messengers were sent from the bunker with instructions to take one triplicate copy of each document to Grand Admiral Karl Doenitz in Flensburg and to Col. Gen. Ferdinand Schoener, who then was still fighting in Prague.

Hitler had designated Doenitz as president of Germany, and named Schoener supreme commander of the army.

A third and spare copy was intended for preservation for posterity.

Telegrams were sent to Doenitz informing him of the documents and the officer said these messages were the first indications that British intelligence found indicating the existence of the Hitler testaments.

The messengers, however, never reached Flensburg or Prague.

Until early this month, no trace had been found of any of them, despite intensive search in the British and U.S. occupation zones.

**Whole Indonesian
Police Force Held**

BATAVIA (AP)—The British command announced today it is holding for questioning all 743 members of the Indonesian police force of Batavia, ousted Saturday when British troops seized police stations here.

The Indonesians, some of whom are suspected by the British command of collaborating in recent kidnappings, are being held at the central police station.

Meanwhile, 2,000 Dutch marines, trained and equipped in the United States, were preparing to disembark from a ship which arrived off Batavia Sunday. A British announcement said the marines would disembark within a few days.

Intermittent fighting continued at Buitenzorg, where Indonesian snipers killed two British Indian soldiers and wounded two Dutch internees, and at Semarang, where the natives shelled an airfield.

Aneta, Dutch news agency, said 55 Indonesians suspected of terrorist activity were arrested in Batavia today, bringing to about 250 the total number of persons arrested within the last several days.

**2 Nazi Generals, N.C.O.
Executed By Russians**

MOSCOW (AP)—Two German generals and a non-commissioned officer were hanged in the public square in Bryansk four hours after a military tribunal had found them guilty of the mass torture and murder of Russian civilians and Red Army prisoners. Those hanged were Lt. Gen. Friedrich Gustav Bernhardt, Maj. Gen. Adolf Hamman, former commander of Orel, Bryansk and Bobruisk, and Cpl. Martin Lemmler.

Salient Dates for 1945

By Canadian Press

JANUARY
9—Americans invade Luzon.
10—Canadian Vice-Admiral Nelles retires.
14—Greek civil war ends.
19—Victoria-Vancouver tram strike ends.
22—Belgian bulge collapses into German rout.
30—Torpedoing of H.M.C.S. Clayquot announced.

FEBRUARY
8—1st Canadian Army opens Nijmegen offensive.
11—Big Three conference at Yalta ends.
12—1st Canadian Army takes Kielev.
16—Americans take Bataan.

MARCH
6—Sa. Greenhill Park explodes in Vancouver.
7—U.S. 1st Army crosses Rhine at Remagen.
17—Two Jima captured.
19—British capture Mandalay.
20—German resistance west of Rhine wiped out.
23—1st Canadian Army units cross Rhine near Wesel.
25—Ontario government defeated on confidence vote.
25—Loss of Canadian corvette Trentonian announced.

APRIL
5—Russia denounces neutrality pact with Japs.
9—Red Army captures Vienna; Pocket battleship Scheer sunk at Kiel.
12—Franklin D. Roosevelt dies; Harry S. Truman sworn in as president.
25—San Francisco World Security Conference opens; Torpedoing of Canadian minesweeper Guysborough announced.
26—British 2nd Army captures Bremen.
28—Mussolini slain.
29—German Army in Italy surrenders, effective May 2.

MAY
1—Hamburg radio says Hitler died in Berlin.
2—Berlin falls to Russians.
5—German forces in north formally surrender.
7—Germans sign unconditional surrender at Reims. Victory rioters loot Halifax. H.M.C.S. Esquimaux torpedoed and announced.
8—German surrender becomes effective at 10:01 p.m. G.M.T. V.E. Day; Goering captured by Americans.
22—British Labor Party breaks with Coalition.

JUNE
4—Progressive Conservatives re-elected in Ontario.
6—Announced Canadian frigate Chebogue torpedoed December, 1944.
11—Liberals returned in Canadian general election.
12—United Nations conference approves Security Council.
21—Okinawa Island captured.
25—United Nations conference approves world charter text.

JULY
4—Canadian troops arrive in Berlin; Canadian soldiers riot in Aldershot.
5—Prime Minister John Curtin of Australia dies; Philippine Islands liberated.
13—J. B. Chifley becomes Australian prime minister.
16—Atomic bomb successfully tested in New Mexico.
18—Naval ammunition dump explosion rocks Halifax.

AUGUST
4—Cpl. F. G. Topham, Toronto, awarded V.C.
6—First atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima.
8—Russia declares war on Japan.
9—Second atomic bomb dropped on Nagasaki.
10—Russia invades Korea.
14—Japanese surrender.
15—V-J Day; Petain convicted and sentenced to death.
17—Petain sentence commuted to life imprisonment; Sqdn.-Ldr. I. W. Bazalgette, Calgary, awarded posthumous V.C.
27—First U.S. soldiers land in Japan.

SEPTEMBER
2—Japs sign formal surrender in Tokyo Bay.
5—British-Indian troops begin occupation of Singapore.
8—Gen. MacArthur enters Tokyo.
11—Former Premier Tojo of Japan attempts suicide.
12—Windsor Ford strike starts.
19—William Joyce sentenced to be hanged for treason.

OCTOBER
2—Big Five Foreign Ministers' meeting ends in failure.
9—Laval condemned to death.
15—Laval executed after attempting suicide. Manitoba Coalition government re-elected.
25—B.C. Coalition government re-elected.

NOVEMBER
11—R.A.F. attacks Indonesians at Soerabaja.
12—Cordell Hull awarded Nobel peace prize.
13—De Gaulle elected interim president of France.
15—Truman-Attlee-King conference proposes U.N.O. devise atomic energy controls.
16—Beast of Belsen and 29 others convicted.
20—Trial of 20 top Nazis starts at Nuremberg.
29—Commonwealth and Empire war casualties announced as 1,246,025; British occupy Soerabaja, Java.

DECEMBER
12—Defendants in Dachau atrocity trials convicted.
13—British Commons accepts Anglo-American financial agreement.
14—Killing of 6,000,000 Jews revealed at Nuremberg trial.
19—British Commons passes Nationalization of Bank of England Bill; John Amery hanged in London for treason.
21—U.S. Gen. G. S. Patton Jr., 60, dies from injuries suffered in accident Dec. 9.
22—Britain and U.S. recognize Tito's Yugoslavian government.
27—Foreign Ministers' Conference ends in Moscow; Canada and 27 powers sign Bretton Woods monetary agreements.
28—Foreign Ministers at Moscow announce agreements on United Nations control of atomic energy, governing Japan and Korea, and on procedure for peace treaties for other defeated countries. Maj. Gen. Kurt Meyer sentenced to be shot for guilt in deaths of 48 Canadians.

Oregon Floods Rout Thousands

By Associated Press
Flood crest of the swollen Willamette River neared Portland and the lower valley today as waters receded from upper valley towns and farmlands inundated during the last four days.

More than 1,000 families were preparing to return to homes in the 75-mile-long area between Eugene and Salem where water levels surged as much as eight and 10 feet above flood stage and overflowed hundreds of thousands of acres of the valley's rich farmlands.

Albany and Corvallis were on limited electric power today after lines had toppled into the swirling Willamette. Cottage Grove and Springfield were without power for sawmills and other industries. Power companies estimated it would be a week before service would be restored to normal in the flood-soaked valley.

Red Cross volunteers and Coast Guard crews continued to direct salvage and relief work for evacuees taken from low-lying sectors since Friday.

West Salem was isolated from the state capital most of Sunday when highway engineers closed the Marion-Polk county bridge because both approaches were under water.

**Parents of Frozen
Baby Charged**

PORT ARTHUR (CP)—Mr. and Mrs. Colin MacDonald, parents of two-year-old Roddy MacDonald whose frozen body was found near C.P.R. tracks here Wednesday, today were charged with manslaughter as a result of the child's death. Both were remanded until Wednesday for hearing.

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**Canadian Building
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By \$117,070,900**

TORONTO (CP)—Value of Canadian construction contracts awarded in Canada increased by \$117,070,900 over 1944, statistics compiled by MacLean Building Reports Ltd. show today.

Total value of construction contracts awarded across Canada during 1945 was \$409,031,700, as compared with \$291,960,800 in 1944.

This 40 per cent increase over last year was spread over all construction classifications, with residential buildings showing the greatest increase.

On a regional basis, the report said, the centre of construction

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Skating Championships Planned for February

MONTREAL (CP) — The 1946 Canadian amateur outdoor ice speed skating championships for men and women will be held at Sudbury, Ont., during the month of February, it was announced here today by Champlain Provancher, secretary of the Ama-

teur Skating Association of Canada.

Vancouver Inherits \$100,000 for Park

VANCOUVER (CP) — Jonathan Rogers, Vancouver Park commissioner for many years, has willed \$100,000 to the city for purchase of a park site in the Cambie and Broadway district, it was announced at the week-end.

May Seal Off Mine; Give Up Hope for 22 Men

PINEVILLE, Ky. (AP) — A conference of federal, state and private mine officials today proposed sealing off the mine near here in which 22 coal miners have been entombed since last Wednesday.

Sealing off the mine would halt rescue operations. Veteran miners said hope had been abandoned for survival of any of the trapped men.

This action would leave only seven survivors out of 31 miners trapped by an underground explosion of unexplained origin in the Kentucky Straight Creek Coal Company's No. 1 mine.

Authorities at today's conference agreed that sealing off the mine was necessary to smother fires which had filled the tunnel with smoke and poisonous gas, driving rescue workers from the scene. The gas was described as being so dangerous that another explosion could occur any instant.

Harry Thomas, chief engineer of the Kentucky state department of mines and minerals, said he would make an announcement later today regarding sealing off the mine.

The conference also considered drilling a 1,000-foot shaft in the location of the men, or renewing recovery efforts through the mouth of the mine.

Meanwhile, another of the nine men brought out of the mine died. He was Tom McQueen, 30, who succumbed in hospital without regaining consciousness.

McQueen was one of nine miners found alive in the fire-ravaged pit 53 hours after the explosion had trapped the men.

Bodies of the mine foreman, Nath Centers, 62, and Hobart Sulfridge, 44, were brought from the mine Sunday. Centers leaves three children and Sulfridge five.

"Sorry I Couldn't Clean Everything Up, Bub"



Ex-Deputy to Hitler Reported Captured



MARTIN BORMANN

NUERNBERG (Reuter) — Czechoslovak newspapers reported today that Martin Bormann, Hitler's former deputy and one of the Nazi war criminals named in the Nuernberg indictment, had been arrested in the British zone of Germany.

Security officers here declined to confirm or deny the report and would not say whether, if Bormann had been arrested, he would appear with the 21 other major war criminals now on trial before the international tribunal in Nuernberg.

Bormann is being tried in absentia. The trial will be resumed Wednesday after a Christmas and New Year's recess.

"If Bormann has been arrested we can say nothing until he is safely in jail," one security official said.

"His transfer here would probably involve a plane journey and then a secret trip in a strongly-guarded vehicle."

One suggestion here was that the mysterious man who was arrested by British intelligence officers with a copy of Hitler's testament in his possession was either Bormann or a man who gave information leading to Bormann's arrest.

This, it was thought, might be

Former CBC Chief, Widely-Known Journalist, Dies In Toronto

TORONTO (CP) — Hector W. Loughby Charlesworth, sometimes described as the best known of Canadian journalists, died at 73 as he hoped he would—"in harness."

The tall, light-haired dean of Canadian music and drama critics, who started a diversified newspaper career at 18, attended the Toronto Symphony "Pops" concert Friday night as critic for the Globe and Mail, though he did not feel well.

He died early Sunday. The sudden passing recalled a comment he made on his 40th anniversary in newspaper work: "We keep going and then we finish quickly..."

An author of note, Mr. Charlesworth's sonnets are included in "Oxford Book of Canadian Verse." He wrote several books, including "Candid Chronicles" and wrote numerous magazine articles and editorials.

The career that was to make him one of Canada's most colorful newspaper personalities started in 1891 with Saturday Night, Toronto's social and cultural weekly. Successively after that he served with four of the seven Toronto dailies of his time, covering the top news events of his generation.

CREATED THEATRE

He was the first chairman of the Canadian Radio Broadcasting Commission, now the CBC, created the "Theatre of the Air" and introduced British programs. After four years he retired in 1936 when the commission was reorganized.

It was while working as an

the reason why British intelligence officers were able to inform United States intelligence men of the whereabouts of Frederick Wilhelm Paustyn, who was Bormann's adjutant and confidant.

U.S. Foreign Loans In 1946 May Total More Than \$5,000,000,000

WASHINGTON (AP) — Government officials believe foreign loans by the United States in 1946 will far surpass the \$2,458,000,000 in credits extended to 11 countries during the past year.

Legislation calling for a \$3,750,000,000 loan to Britain is scheduled to go to Congress early in the new year. And Export-Import Bank officials, now considering requests from seven war-battered countries, are preparing for a record year in smaller loans.

One government financial expert predicted that if Congress approves the loan to Britain—and a bitter fight is in prospect—the 1946 total may reach well above \$5,000,000,000. In addition, congressional approval of the British loan may be the signal for Russia, China and France to try for similar large scale financial help.

Although Russia never has submitted a formal loan application, Generalissimo Stalin is reported to have said the Soviet Union could use about \$6,000,000,000 in United States monetary aid.

China has notified Export-Import Bank officials it is thinking in terms of \$2,000,000,000, and France's requirements have been estimated to be as large.

Of the 11 foreign countries that



LATE H. W. CHARLESWORTH

accountant that he began submitting material to Saturday Night under the pen name "Touchstone." The weekly published a notice requesting the anonymous writer to call at the office—and a job for young Charlesworth quickly followed.

A year later he became a reporter for the Toronto World and in the years that followed went to the News, the Mail and Empire where he became city editor as well as music critic, and finally back to Saturday Night in 1910.

Born in Hamilton, Ont., he was educated at Wellesley Public School and Jarvis Street collegiate institute, Toronto, had private tuition in music and was articled for three years to a chartered accountant.

He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. L. A. Mackay of Vancouver; a son, Lionel V. Bogota, Colombia; a brother, Lionel C. Victoria, and a sister, Mrs. H. P. Thorneycroft of Toronto. His wife, the former Katharine Ryan, died in July, 1944.

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Labor Leaders Plead For High Standards

OTTAWA (CP) — Canadian labor leaders in New Year's messages today looked to 1946 with confidence, and with a new plea for higher social and economic standards in the Dominion.

Both Percy R. Bengough, president of the Trades and Labor Congress, and A. R. Mosher, president of the Canadian Congress of Labor, referred to Canada's war accomplishments as evidence of what could be done to make the Dominion a better place in which to live in 1946, and the years that follow.

Mr. Mosher titled his message: "A Canadian Creed For the New Year." He said, in part:

"We believe that the lessons learned during the war can be applied to peacetime problems... that nothing should be allowed to stand in the way of the highest human happiness and well-being... that our political system can be established on a sound basis of reason, intelligence and experience, and that it can be made to function in the public service."

M. Bentley Holds Ice Scoring Lead

The six top scorers in the National Hockey League individual scoring race all increased their total during the week-end, but remained in the same order behind Max Bentley of Chicago Black Hawks, who is currently setting the pace with a total of 36 points.

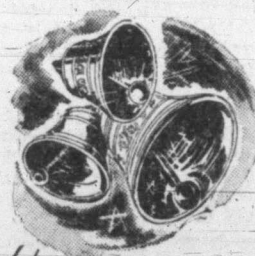
Leaders follow:	G.	A.	P.
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400	70.19	43.37	36.66	29.99	24.12
500	87.73	54.21	45.82	37.49	30.77
600	105.27	65.05	54.98	44.99	37.42
700	122.81	75.89	64.14	52.49	44.07
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YEAR OF OPPORTUNITY

BELLS WILL RING CHEERILY TO-night, clear-sounding on the air to which the rumble of gunfire is becoming a distant and dying echo. And in men's hearts the hope will be reborn that the chiming will drown out the old ways of suspicion and greed that bred and nurtured wars and usher in an era when abiding peace shall be more than a glorious dream. There will be happiness in families to which loved ones have returned, and solemn prayers in homes to which men may not come back that their sacrifice shall not have been in vain.

But those hopes and prayers will die like the chiming of the bells unless all who cherish them resolve firmly now to work that the ideal of good will shall rise, transcending narrow prejudice and callous self-interest. A free world that took up the challenge of "blood, toil, tears and sweat" can end the blood and tears only if it continues now with sweat and toil to rebuild not the way of life it knew, but a better way in which avarice, intolerance and ignorance can find no place.

Not from a wishing well may it draw achievement of that purpose, not from idle desiring unmatched by effort. The way ahead is not a downhill path through fields of ease and enchantment. It must remain an uphill grade, calling forth the best in character and spirit. There is work ahead, hard work that promises its share of heartache. But there is a goal to reach which justifies the labor. There are troubles to be met and sacrifices to be made. But how shall they compare to the killing of the last six years—the destruction of great cities? So recently emerged from the great ordeal, shall man magnify the problems ahead, see them loom larger than the worst of all calamities?

This is the time for confidence born of willingness to work, to translate constructive thought into action, and to expect no miracle to produce Utopia. With hand and brain, man can produce the machinery of his own salvation, physically and spiritually. Here is the challenge to mind and heart that makes 1946 a year of great adventure. Here is the opportunity which is offered probably more clearly than ever before.

"Come, then, let us go forward together with our united strength."

WE WERE AMONG MANY

ELSEWHERE ON THIS PAGE—WE ARE happy to publish an explanatory note which the editors of The Reader's Digest propose to reproduce in their February issue as a partial reply to an editorial which appeared in these columns last Nov. 3. We were discussing Ira Wolfert's description of "The Silent, Invisible War Under the Sea" in the November Digest, and took occasion to point out that the author made no mention whatever of the part the Royal Canadian Navy and the Royal Navy had played in thwarting the Nazi attempt to cut the lifeline between the New World and the Old. We felt that many Americans—as well as most Canadians—would find it difficult to reconcile the omission with the authentic history of the "Battle of the Atlantic" from the opening days of the war until its grey waters got too "hot" for Hitler's deep-sea "rattlesnakes."

In their letter to the editor of this newspaper the editors of the Digest say: "If we hadn't published in 1943 an article devoted exclusively to the heroic work of the Canadian Navy, we wouldn't have been so taken aback by your editorial concerning our recent feature by Ira Wolfert. But since we did give three and one-half pages to that article in which J. C. Furnas described vividly Canada's brilliant and major part in the war at sea, we can't help feeling that your editorial is unfair to The Reader's Digest." Their letter further explains:

"It should be realized that Mr. Wolfert didn't mention the work of the Royal Navy or Air Force. He didn't mention by name the U.S. Army Air Force or Coast Guard. Not a word did he say in deserved tribute to the valiant crews of the Merchant Marine; nor did he pay his respects to the armed guards aboard merchant ships. He couldn't conceivably mention in the space available all who had played a part; he was (as we editorially stated) only reporting from U.S. Navy sources certain hitherto secret facts within the experience of that particular Navy."

It is not necessary for us to suggest to the editors of the Digest that it would be a thousand pities if there were to be a revival of the old "who-won-the-war" debate which, as many of us recall, stirred tempers in the early twenties. For we get the reaction of the Digest editors to such an inference in the paragraph prefacing the extracts we publish elsewhere on this page under the heading of "Who Won the Battle of the Atlantic?" The answer, as they say, is: "The war against German submarines was won by the joint efforts of Britain, Canada and the United States... men who fought in a common cause without any nationalistic preoccupations."

All of which is profoundly true. Nor did our editorial of Nov. 3 go beyond the inferential complaint that if either the editors of the Digest or the author of "The Silent, Invisible War Under the Sea" had included

an explanatory note, such would have achieved precisely what the statement we are anticipating in the forthcoming February article is intended to do. In fairness to the editors of the fine American monthly, with its unmatched circulation, therefore, we are printing those extracts. We also close the incident, satisfied with the knowledge that we were one of a considerable company of "British and Canadian newspapers and subscribers" who, according to the Digest editors, had "misinterpreted" Mr. Wolfert's "thrilling article."

BETTER FEELING ALL ROUND

TO TRY TO COMPRESS EVEN THE sketchiest summary of the recent Moscow conference of the Foreign Ministers of the "Big Three" nations into the space of less than half an hour might well frighten even the most agile juggler of phrases. Almost as if "to the manor born," however, Mr. F. J. Byrnes, United States Secretary of State, gave his microphone version of the proceedings in the Russian capital last night with an ease and clarity which must have convinced the most confirmed skeptic that this latest "meeting of the minds" provided new evidence that "conflicting interests can be composed by frank discussion" face to face. The account over the air from Washington, indeed, will have left the impression on the general public that this latest conclave between the heads of the Department of Foreign Affairs of the three principal Allies has dispelled the last vestiges of gloom which had settled over the peoples of the United Nations after the fiasco last fall.

It was a surprising disclosure from Mr. Byrnes that the subject of the atomic bomb and the "control" of the formula for the production of atomic energy did not take pride of place in these important discussions—as the world was led to suppose it would for days prior to the departure of Mr. Bevin and Mr. Byrnes for Moscow—for it actually turned up at the bottom of the agenda. And it appears that Russia made no demand for such secrets as belong, for the time being, to the United States, Canada and Great Britain. On the contrary, Mr. Molotov asked for a little clarifying information, suggested one or two ideas for inclusion in the Truman-King-Attlee proposal—which were accepted—and thus facilitated quick agreement on the terms of the resolution to be presented to the General Assembly of the United Nations Organization when it meets in London 10 days hence.

Neither Mr. Bevin nor Mr. Byrnes came away from Moscow under any illusion about the somewhat obscure situation in Iran. They reached no agreement with Mr. Molotov on this matter; but the American delegate still has hopes that a solution may soon be found. Although the formula for the future of Korea—always one of the \$64 questions at San Francisco—disclosed no discord among the Foreign Ministers, factions in this former Japanese-dominated territory have their own ideas. Despite the trouble-spots, however, Mr. Byrnes' recital served to show that peace and security provided the basis of the meeting recently concluded. And the relations between the "Big Three" obviously are more cordial now than at any time since the end of the conflict. That is worth a good deal.

THOUGHTLESS COMPLAINT

EVIDENTLY ALD. B. J. GADSDEN GAVE little thought to his complaint last week over the action of federal authorities in enlisting Mr. D. K. Kennedy, former city building inspector, as district director of the National Housing Administration. The alderman, probably more impressed by the civic body's loss than Mr. Kennedy's personal advancement, thought Victoria should protest to senior governments against their policy of picking the best men available for the tasks which lie ahead. He also voiced opinion that some warning should be given the City Council in such cases.

The City Council requires no official warning. Unless it can match the inducements of other authorities, it cannot hope to hold outstanding men when they achieve a position in which they attract the eye of senior governments. The only defence against such loss is to make civic employment more attractive. That entails more than suitable salaries and agreeable working conditions. It includes the presentation of programs challenging to men of ability—an incentive to progress both for the individual and the city at large. Alderman Gadsden and his fellow members will have ample opportunity to study that question in the New Year. In his own particular field—unless there are major shake-ups in standing committees—the matters of civic aviation as well as business and trade development offer him wide scope.

It is doubtful, of course, if the civic administration will ever be in a position to compete with senior governments in salaries. But that, too, is a subject which must claim official attention. Victoria needs good men now, if it is to enjoy satisfactory growth, and it cannot attract or hold them unless the reward offered is commensurate with the labor and ability required.

NOTES

We can't make the Germans feel guilty, but we can make them feel that war isn't worth what it costs.

"Most crime is the fault of society." Yes, poverty and hardship produce a lot of criminals, and great men.

Wonder why people worry about their appearance when their popularity depends on their manners and friendliness.

Reader's high-wage muddle: "I have to pay a cook \$30; she often hires a substitute at \$15, so she gets \$15 a week for resting."

Who Won the Battle of the Atlantic?

(Supplied by the Editors of The Reader's Digest. See Editorial in Column One)

IF THE ABOVE question were asked any American reader, the answer would certainly be that the war against German submarines was won by the joint efforts of Britain, Canada and the United States, and by the heroism of countless men in several armed services—men who fought in a common cause without any nationalistic preoccupations.

In spite of the fact that this is common knowledge, Ira Wolfert's "thrilling article," "The Silent, Invisible War Under the Sea,"—has been misinterpreted by some British and Canadian newspapers and subscribers as suggesting that the U.S. Navy won the Battle of the Atlantic practically single-handed.

NOT ONLY DID Mr. Wolfert make no such suggestion nor intend to imply it, but in his entire 13-page article he only mentioned the U.S. once and "America" three times. His article made no effort or claim to tell the whole story of the anti-U-boat war, which would take volumes; he attempted only to tell certain typical exploits and describe some ingenious methods used in the struggle. His examples were taken from U.S. sources. But that the British and Canadians first devised some of the methods; that they were fighting U-boats before the U.S. was at war; and that they sank 562 U-boats compared to 151 sunk by U.S. forces—these are facts which Mr. Wolfert neither directly nor indirectly denied, but to which we are glad to call attention.

THE FOLLOWING excerpts from an article by J. C. Furnas, published in The Reader's Digest, April, 1943, tell part of the story of the Royal Canadian Navy:

Meet a typical unit of the Royal Canadian Navy. She isn't much to look at. The grimy motley of camouflage makes her appear even smaller and dingier than she actually is. But if the United Nations manage to lick the U-boat menace, this stubby little vessel—and her scores of plucky sisters—will deserve much of the credit.

The American forces that took Oran, in North Africa, know about Canada's Navy. Of the warships escorting them in, after fending off submarines all the way, 17 were Canadian; and Canadian seamen manned many of the landing boats. From Iceland to Capetown, from Trinidad to Australia, this youngest and most highly specialized of the world's sea-fighting outfits is doing an extremely seamanlike—and dirty—job.

ITS SPECIALTY is submarine-hunting. This winter the R.C.N. handled nearly half of the whole North Atlantic convoy job—Number One lifeline of the war—plus numerous other missions all around the globe. Not bad for a navy which in 1939 was hardly beyond token size—six destroyers and five mine sweepers. Today Canada has more than 300 fighting ships in service, and close to 99 per cent of the vessels escorted eastward by the R.C.N., carrying gasoline and tanks and planes, have arrived safely.

A realistic willingness to specialize in dirty work, and never mind big-ship glamour, made that miracle possible. Another miracle is the way Canadian shipyards, which in 1939 had no major facilities, have supplied the R.C.N.'s specialized escort craft.

The Canadian corvettes pack plenty of punch. They carry light deck guns, rapid-fire Oerlikon dual-purpose guns, heavy machine guns and depth charges. The corvettes' breeding is out of the sturdy North Sea fishing trawler by the whaler's killer boat. Broad beam and bluff bow enable them to ride the heaviest weather with ease. Men who command them, including the former skipper of a 20,000-ton luxury liner, swear they are better sea boats than many vessels 20 times their size.

MANY A CORVETTE'S crew have heard the "loud-hailer" on the bridge bawl: "Stand by for ramming!" and flopped where they stood, feet braced forward, for the smashing shock as she rides over and crushes the U-boat's below-surface hull. One corvette skipper, making use of his vessel's great manoeuvrability, recently rammed a submarine three times running, risking his own ship but sinking the enemy.

Fifty thousand people, many of them women, are turning out escort craft from Canadian shipyards in such numbers that some can be given to Great Britain, the Free French and the United States. They have also built, since the war began, 700,000 tons of badly-needed merchant ships.

Canada's navy has had no recruiting problem at all. It has been able not only to man everything the Dominion can launch, but to supply over a thousand men to the British Navy.

FRESH-WATER yachtsmen—several yacht clubs joined practically en masse—and kids just out of college were fed into the Volunteer Naval Reserve, and half a dozen current commanders of fighting vessels are men who had never been to sea in their lives until a couple of years ago.

Canadian losses in the never-ending battle have not been negligible. In one black week the R.C.N. lost a destroyer, a corvette and a converted yacht by enemy action. Besides, when convoy and escort both must run without lights through the storm and fog, collision is almost as much a hazard as U-boats. Without the remarkable detecting devices, equally efficient at locating friendly freighters or prowling submarines, the magnificent job the R.C.N. is doing would be close to impossible.

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Oak Bay Starts 10-Year Works Program



This group of 13 returned men includes some former Oak Bay works department employees and some who are new to the department. From left to right, front row: Charlie Bates, Harry Thomson, Walter Wilson, B. Matthews, George Durrell and Alec Fisher; back row: Dick Saunders, Ted Hepple, Pat Bennett, Jack Hudson, Harry Olsen, Steve Bailey and Robbie Due.

Now that peace has come, Oak Bay municipality is at the beginning of its extensive works department program which, combined with other work, will account for an expenditure of about \$600,000. Already 15 extra men, all returned men, have been employed.

In his outline of the work to be done, A. S. G. Musgrave, municipal engineer, traced briefly the difficulties of the public works department attendant upon the war years.

"Ever since 1939," he said, "Oak Bay council felt its duty to cut down all absorption of labor in order that help might be available for war work. The residents of the municipality very soon realized this and ceased to request new paving, sidewalks, increased garbage collection and other things."

He noted 640 new houses had been constructed in Oak Bay since Jan. 1, 1940, all of which required new water connections, sewer connections, increased garbage and other services. "All this work had to be attended to with a reduced instead of an increased outdoor staff," Mr. Musgrave said.

"Now that labor and materials are once more available, it is possible to start in on a real construction program of much-needed works. This program has been prepared in detail over the past years, and is now fully ready to go into operation."

In support of this, he noted that, although winter was a poor time in which to start many outdoor projects, nevertheless, the extra veterans had been taken on by the works department and were busy replacing old water mains, laying storm water drains and improving Beach Drive.

"It is anticipated we will have many more returned men employed in a couple of months' time," Mr. Musgrave said.

PAVING PROJECTS

He listed briefly the immediate projects which the department contemplated. About \$20,000 worth of labor



Nine employees who represent total municipal service of over 300 years. They have an average of 33 years' service each. Left to right, front row: Harry Davies, Bert Champion, Art Dyer, Phil Oliver and Harry Davis; back row: Bob Sparrowhawk, Charlie Brooks, Ernie Scroggs and Bert Gardiner.

alone will be expended on the start of the water system improvement, and another \$20,000 worth of labor will be absorbed in constructing pavements, curbs and in many cases, sidewalks on the following streets:

Pacific Avenue (from Cadboro Bay Road to Thompson Avenue); Dufferin Street (from Uplands Road to Musgrave Street); Dewdney Avenue (widening and curbing from Nottingham Road to Musgrave Street); Nottingham Road (from Thompson Avenue to Lansdowne Road); Musgrave Street (from Estevan Avenue to Uplands boundary) and Mayhew Street.

All the foregoing paving work would be subject to passing of the necessary local improvement by-laws, Mr. Musgrave said, but added contact with all residents had already been made and he believed the by-laws would be supported by most.

A second Elgin garbage machine has been delivered to the municipality, entailing a larger crew. "It should result in a weekly service which will equal that in any residential district in Canada," Mr. Musgrave said.

PARK IMPROVEMENTS

"Our parks will at last get more attention. In two years, all of Windsor Park will be brought up to the standard of the present southerly portion."

The proposed Uplands Park will depend on the vote of the property holders. If it is acquired, it will gradually be provided with rest houses, trails, small lakes and so on.

"When the transportation is

Victoria Ends Prosperous Year With Ambitious Plans for 1946

The year 1945 saw the city of Victoria riding high on a wave of prosperity with the biggest building program since 1929 under way, and the largest tax collections in history despite gloomy predictions at the beginning of the year that the five-mill tax rate increase would cut down collections.

With high hopes that the arena will be started at long last and other ambitious plans for reconstruction and conversion to peacetime living under way for 1946 the city looks forward to continued prosperity.

There was not a great deal in the way of public works undertaken by the city during the past year, the minimum of maintenance being all that could be managed because of labor and material shortages. However, in 1946 most of the departments have plans to start on lengthy rehabilitation projects. For street-lighting there is a \$248,000 reconstruction plan; for the water works, \$150,000 repairs for the coming year and a \$2,000,000 plan for its complete renewal in the immediate future; for the parks a five-year plan.

AMALGAMATION

The amalgamation of the four municipalities in Greater Victoria appeared to get several steps nearer reality as the four combined to ask the provincial government to appoint an impartial commission to investigate the feasibility of the matter. H. Carl Goldenberg, noted economist and municipal authority who will be in B.C. to investigate municipal financing, was suggested by many as the most suitable man for the job.

Amalgamation of health services appears imminent, regardless of what happens in other fields, and the city has already united its school and city health services under Dr. J. Murray Anderson. If the Cameron Education Report receives endorsement of the provincial government, the amalgamation of the four school districts seems more than a distinct possibility also. The city school board is keeping a canny eye on such developments and making

Topaz Park have been converted into 38 apartments for service couples.

TRANSPORTATION

A unified transportation system is another progressive project that may become a fact in 1946. Plans for proposed routes were approved by all four municipalities during 1945 and a special committee is now working on specification to call for tenders in the near future.

A good deal of work was done on plans for the improvement of Victoria's harbor and a Dominion government engineer has been instructed to make a survey to see what dredging is necessary. New breakwaters, and better piers are also wanted.

Victoria can hope for a proper town plan sometime towards the

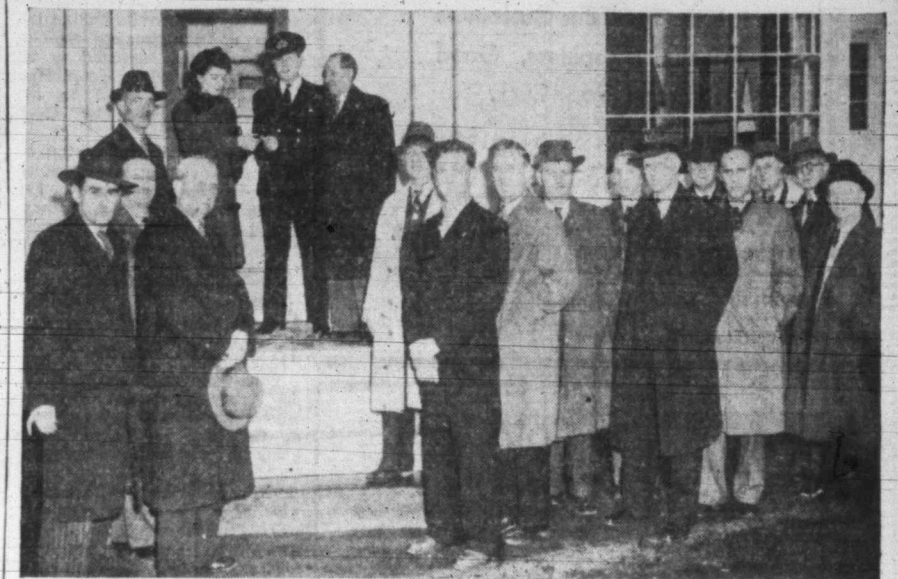
latter part of 1946, with the new Town Planning Commission under the chairmanship of Forrest L. Shaw, getting under way. Mayor Percy George satisfied the ambition set forth in his 1945 inaugural address to have the bank loan wiped out, as the council authorized payment of the last \$21,500 of it at the final meeting last Friday.

NORTH SHORE WINS

VANCOUVER (CP)—Playing inspired football, North Shore United made mincemeat of St. Salvadors in the replayed Anderson Cup semifinal here Saturday, winning 5 to 0.

They will now meet the winners of Wednesday's game between Kerrisdale and St. Andrews in the final Saturday.

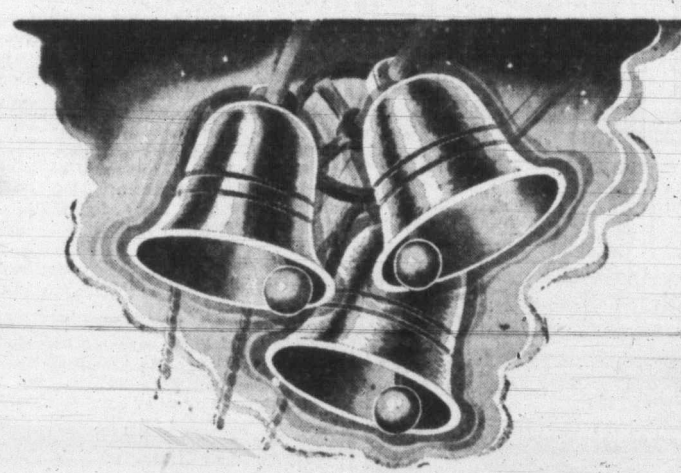
Complete First Wartime House for Veterans



Mayor Percy George, on the steps of 2813 Scott Street, first of 150 Wartime Houses built for veterans to be completed, hands over the key to Mrs. William W. Bowditch, Scotch bride of W.O. Bowditch, R.C.N. WO, and Mrs. Bowditch, with their two children, will take possession of the

house early in the new year. It was thrown open for inspection Saturday and Sunday so that Victorians could see the type of house being provided for veterans. Saturday afternoon 600 viewed it, and on Sunday 1,500 inspected the house. Those at the opening, left to right: George

Wheaton, Maj. H. Cuthbert Holmes, Walter Luney, P. L. James, Mrs. Bowditch, W.O. Bowditch, Mayor George, Ald. Ed. Williams, P. Peterson, Don Smith, C. J. McDowell, N. F. Broddy, H. W. Davey, K.C.; Ald. F. G. Mulliner, D. K. Kennedy, city building inspector; Maj. M. K. Crockett and Ald. H. M. Diggon.



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There is an idea circulating among whimsical Westerners that Victoria is one of those benign towns which never changes, which is the same today as it was in years gone by. In reality, the city has grown and its commerce increases in volume annually. And with Pacific shipping about to revive its extensive peacetime operations, Victoria is destined to assume even greater economic importance.

The Stocker organization has kept in step with Victoria's expansion. From that one bicycle it has progressed to two sizeable firms running three warehouses and a transfer company. In 1928, in response to growing demands for storage facilities, it started a separate company, Stocker's Security Storage & Warehouse Co., Ltd.

The company added the third warehouse this year to handle incoming household goods shipments. They state there are no less than 4,300 applications with

the National Housing Registry of families waiting removal to Victoria. In addition, they have numerous shipments waiting for space on boats headed for Great Britain.

Stocker's warehouse on Johnson Street is one of the finest on Vancouver Island. Constructed of a combination of brick and cement, with 12 fireproof private rooms, it is the only warehouse where moving vans can drive straight in and unload on the ground floor. It is open to public inspection at all times.

At their main showrooms on Blanshard Street, the company maintains a display which shows all forms of packing and crating, the various materials used in crating, and the pads and twines employed. Displayed, also, are the demoting and storing methods used for rugs and upholstered furniture. The purpose of this display is to lay basic shipping facts in front of people contemplating packing, crating or storing their belongings.

In the New Year the company will receive the first Dodge trucks to be delivered in Victoria. One will be a 1½-ton, and three will be 2½ tons capacity of the cab-over-engine type. Bodies of the four trucks will be steel constructed and of the latest design.

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Hawaii Navy Chief Well Warned, Says Witness at Probe

WASHINGTON (AP)—Admiral Harold R. Stark asserted today that Admiral Husband E. Kimmel, Pacific Fleet commander at Hawaii, was amply warned to be on guard before the Japanese struck Pearl Harbor Dec. 7, 1941.

The 1941 Chief of Naval Operations began his story of prewar events when the Senate-House Committee investigating the Japanese attack resumed its hearings after a week-long Christmas recess.

Stark was called to the stand amid indications the committee will take still another recess—possibly as long as 30 days—to find new counsel. The legal staff which has aided in the inquiry since it began in mid-November has announced intentions to quit, possibly after examination of Stark.

Along with a 25,000-word statement from Stark, the committee received voluminous correspondence which he wrote to naval officers during the months before the Pearl Harbor attack plunged the United States into war.

From Stark and these records, the investigators learned that:

1. Stark felt that neither Congress nor President Roosevelt fully supported his efforts to bolster the strength of the fleet before the war.

2. At the time Germany attacked Russia, Stark urged U.S. entry into the war and at the same time expressed hope that Russia and Germany would "exhaust themselves" in conflict. A Communist-dominated Europe, he wrote them, was "no more an attractive picture" than a Europe ruled by Nazis.

3. President Roosevelt issued instructions May 22, 1941, to get an expedition of 25,000 men ready to sail in 30 days to seize Portuguese-owned Azores in the Atlantic.



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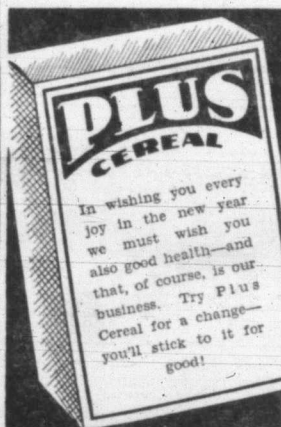
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Vera Frances Bride Of J. Calderone

The marriage was solemnized Friday evening in Metropolitan United Church of Edith (Vera) Frances, daughter of Mrs. D. M. Frances of Princeton, B.C., and Joseph F. Calderone, son of Mrs. M. Calderone, Johnson Street. Rev. A. E. Whitehouse performed the ceremony.

Lieut. A. Heater gave the bride away, and she wore an afternoon frock of white wool with black accessories and carried a bouquet of red roses, white carnations, chrysanthemums and a heather.

Miss Rose Calderone was the only bridal attendant, wearing a two-piece frock of dusty rose, blue accessories, and carrying a bouquet of pastel chrysanthemums. A. J. Porter supported the groom.

A small reception for relatives and close friends was held at the home of the groom's mother, where she was assisted in receiving by the bride's sister, Mrs. M. Greenwood. Toast to the bride was proposed by A. J. Porter.

Leaving for a honeymoon on the mainland, the bride donned a powder blue shag coat over her wedding frock with a corsage bouquet of gardenias. Mr. and Mrs. Calderone will reside at O'Brien Bay.

'Teen-Age Host To Senior Citizens

Young and old joined in a holiday party Sunday afternoon when more than 40 girls and boys of the teenage canteen were hosts to the senior citizens of Victoria.

For some years this Christmas-tide party for elderly men and women has been sponsored by a committee from the Council of Social Agencies. This season it was turned over to the teenage group and so enthusiastic has been the response of these youthful hosts, there is every possibility it will become a permanent teenage project.

The canteen at 1052 Fort Street was gay with cedar and holly. A cheery fire burned in the big brick fireplace. The long tables were decorated with red and green streamers and glittering artificial snow.

As they arrived, each senior citizen guest was met at the door by a member of the teenage canteen and escorted to a seat near the big stage. Les Gordon acted as master of ceremonies and a rousing program included carols by the teenage choir, a group of seven boys and girls under the leadership of the supervisor, Mrs. Kay Jeanie; solos and duets by Mrs. W. H. Wilson and Dr. Richard Felton, accompanied by Miss Nan Wilson; choruses and solos by the Blind Choir, composed of the following members: Mesdames S. Hill, C. Alexander, S. Robson, A. Hicks, F. T. Cook and Messrs. E. J. Turner, W. Partinger, A. Henry and R. Scoble; accompanist and leader, Mrs. H. W. Mellish.

Afternoon tea was served by the boys and girls, with the assistance of Mrs. E. C. Peters of the teenage canteen committee.

Interested spectators and special guests were Mrs. Frances Barr, Mrs. Arthur McCurdy, Mrs. R. G. Hobson and Mrs. Florence Nutrie, all members of the original senior citizens' committee from the Council of Social Agencies; Miss Margaret Wightman, general secretary of the Y.W.C.A., and a member of the teenage canteen committee, and Mrs. Margaret Christie.

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Vacationing in Victoria



Miss Ruth Bradbury, who has been the holiday season guest of the Misses Kay and Wynne Shaw, 422 Superior Street, will leave New Year's Day for San Francisco. For the past three years Miss Bradbury has held the position of employee counsel in the war department at Washington, D.C. Saturday afternoon Miss Bradbury was hostess at the tea hour in the Empress Hotel to her many Victoria friends.

Personal Notes

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Nelson of Victoria were in Vancouver over the weekend for the Hanbury Pop wedding Saturday.

Misses Glendene Woodard and Gloria Morisse returned Sunday to their homes in Seattle after spending the past few days as the guests of Capt. and Mrs. V. S. Godfrey, Naval Dockyard.

One of the largest parties this evening will be the one at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Spencer, Joan Crescent, when Mrs. Vera Powell, Mrs. W. C. Thackray and Mrs. Houser Roy will be joint hostesses for Michael and Peter Powell, Bill Thackray and Miss Louise Roy.

Lieut. Hope Large, C.W.A.C., has returned to her station at Suffield, Alta., after spending the Christmas holiday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Large, Gladstone Avenue. Accompanying her on the holiday trip was Mr. O. Johnson, who has also returned to Suffield.

Among Victorians who visited the old masters' art exhibit at Langford were: General and Mrs. G. R. Peakes, Mrs. Fitzherbert Bullen, Cmdr. C. Beard, Mayor Percy George and Mrs. George, Mr. and Mrs. E. Brown, Mrs. S. Reid, Miss Chang Kun-l and Mr. Lao Wing. Mrs. F. Bayles and Mrs. D. B. F. Bullen were tea hostesses.

LAW. Elizabeth Pearce, daughter of Mrs. H. C. Pearce, 1795 Rockland Avenue, has recently received her discharge after serving nearly three and a half years with the R.C.A.F. (W.D.). Born in Victoria and educated here, she enlisted in June, 1942, and since then has been stationed in Halifax, Victoria, Sea Island, Patricia Bay and Comox.

Wins Scholarship



Victoria's brilliant young violinist, Miss Patricia Straughan, has just been awarded the McGavin's Scholarship of the British Columbia Institute of Music and Drama. Miss Straughan is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Straughan, 2175 Beaver Street.

University Women Entertain Friends

The University Women's Club ended the year with a Christmas party held in their clubrooms on Saturday night.

Mrs. D. L. MacLaurin presided and also gave a short talk on the background of the carols sung by a quartette composed of Mrs. B. Gillis, Mrs. John I. Smith, H. Zala and Harold Farfitt, accompanied by John I. Smith.

Dean Spencer H. Elliott gave a dramatic rendition of Dickens' "Christmas Carol."

Refreshments were served from tables decorated with holiday greens, silver candelabra and red tapers. Presiding at the urns were Mrs. H. E. Young and Mrs. F. C. Green, both charter members of the club.

Among the special guests were Miss Judith Dundas, winner of the club's 1945 bursary, and Miss Gwendolyn Shaw, 1944 winner. Other guests were: Miss Chang Kun-l, Mr. Lau Wing Fui, Mrs. J. Ingram-Smith, president, Business and Professional Women's Club; Miss Isla Tuck, school trustee; B. C. Gillie, president, B.C. Teachers' Federation. Husbands and friends of the members also were invited.

Dr. Rowell Officiates At Daughter's Wedding

Dr. J. B. Rowell pastor of Central Baptist Church, performed the marriage ceremony Friday evening in that church which united his daughter, Marion Grace, to Cecil Victor Eno, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. V. Eno, Wark Street. John Hall was at the organ and during the signing of the register, Miss Joyce Richards sang "The Voice That Breathed O'er Eden."

Given away by her brother, Hedley James Rowell, the bride chose a gown of ivory satin styled with a lace yoke, long-waisted bodice and full skirt with lace panels in the train. Her finger tip veil of embroidered net was arranged with a coronet of orange blossoms, and she carried a bouquet of red roses and white carnations.

A three-strand necklace of pearls, the gift of the groom, was the bride's only jewelry.

Miss Frances Rowell attended her sister as bridesmaid, frocked in rose pink net over taffeta, and little Gloria Watson was flower girl, wearing a blue silk frock with flowers in her hair. She and page-boy Laurie Jonat led the wedding march.

A reception for 200 guests was held at the Gobbins Hall, Oak Bay, where mothers of the young couple received the guests.

For a honeymoon trip up island, the bride wore a blue wool suit trimmed with silver fox, black accessories and a corsage bouquet of rosebuds and gardenias. Mr. and Mrs. Eno will reside on Burdett Avenue.

Reunion Dance

St. Michael's School Old Boys' Association held its 15th annual dance at the Royal Victoria Yacht Club when more than 200 old boys and their friends danced to the music of Len Acres' orchestra. Supper was provided by the mothers auxiliary and served from tables in the dining-room artistically decorated with school colors. Christmas trees and candles. The president, J. Nation, thanked the mothers for their assistance and also welcomed back many old boys from overseas.

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Frills and Basques of 1860's Appear At London Show

LONDON (CP)—British dress designers have turned back the pages of history for inspiration in the swing away from the severe tailored lines of recent years. They have brought out and combined the frills and basques of the fashion plates of the late 60's, the bustles of the 80's and the balloon sleeves of the 90's.

These designs were shown at the second of a series of mannequin parades sponsored by the Drapers' Organiser, Fashion and Fabrics. In the ballroom of the Mayfair Hotel, 126 models of spring and summer styles made of British rayon were shown at the rate of two a minute and these will be available for home and export trade.

The desire for silhouette lines was obtained by a rounded shoulderline and emphasis on the neckline drapery, sometimes achieved by the use of padding or a bustle.

Other designs had a flared basque, a pleated sash or a full skirt gathered in and attached to the bodice at the hipline.

Low necklines were favored with close-fitting gathered bodices. Sleeves varied between the new cap sleeves which just cover the shoulder, the three-quarter length or the big dolman sleeves.

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One frock was of pale blue rayon with gathers on the bodice spreading out from an oblong-shaped centre ruching. Black cire ribbon decorated the skirt, sleeves and bodice of a black afternoon dress, while plastic embroidered edges were used on another. Light-colored three-quarter length coats over dark skirts were a popular feature. The coat skirts were pleated all around.

Specially woven black nylon which looked like taffeta was used for an evening gown. It had a low neckline, short drawn up sleeves and the skirt was drawn up tightly round the figure with two puffs forming a bustle at the back. With the return of evening wear, designers foresee the demand for the formal attire.

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Dorothy Dix

FORGOTTEN DAD

One of the pathetic figures in my little world is a feeble old man who sits day after day at a window watching for the letter that never comes. He has half a dozen children, now middle-aged men and women, scattered in different parts of the country, to whom he has been a good father. He worked hard to give them good educations and a start in life, and he is proud that they have justified the sacrifices that he made for them. He likes to brag a bit about John being a banker, and Tom having a big grocery, and Mary's fine house, and that Sally's son has been promoted in politics.

There is no smallest thing in their life in which he is not interested and that he would not like to hear all about, but his children have no longer any interest in him. So far as he is concerned, Father is the forgotten man. It has been years since any of them paid him a real visit. They do not even bother to write to him except on Father's Day, and so the old man sits at his window, with the deathless optimism of parents in his heart, watching and waiting for the mail carrier who passes him by.

Now this man's children are not deliberately cruel and neglectful. They do not intend to be unkind. It is just that their lives are filled with their own affairs and they have not time or thought for anything else. One is going into a new business. Another's daughters are making their debut. Another's sons are starting off to college. Another is trying to decide whether to build a new house in the modernistic style or the dignified early colonial. And they forget that old people, who have no lives of their own any more and no plans and interests, must live vicariously in their children's.

Some day before long the old man will sit no longer in his chair by the window listening for the postman's step and watching for the letter that never came. Then his children will rush to his bedside and pour into the ears that are closed in death the story of the love and appreciation that they never showed him in life. And the pitiful thing about this old man's case is that it is such a common one. His tragedy happens so often and so needlessly. For there is no possible reason why more men and women, who would be shocked at the thought of committing patricide, stab their parents to the heart by a silence that cuts deeper than any knife.

Yet thousands upon thousands of people are guilty of this crime. Especially are men addicted to it. Indeed, when a boy leaves home, either to go to college or to seek his fortune, it is a rare thing for him to write home except for money. He doesn't remember that his Father's and Mother's love is following his every act and that the smallest detail of his life is more thrilling to them than any tale of adventure. And when the average man gets married he turns over the chore of writing to Mom and Pop to his wife and never takes pen in hand again.

Why so many people are allergic to writing family letters, no one knows, but the blackest mark down against many of us is that our lonely old parents looked in vain for the letter that never came.

British Women Await Those Slinky Undies

LONDON (CP)—In her old suit, and down-at-heel shoes, the British woman can find a faint augury of better days ahead in the peacetime sprightliness of new undies and hats.

"There is the start of my mid-season collection," said Danish-born Aga Thaarap, pointing to three exotic yet practical model hats. "We haven't had a mid-season show since 1939. Now I'm getting one ready just like old times—smart, frivolous little hats to cheer women up halfway through the winter. And I'm making them kind to war-weary faces, of soft, muted colors."

But the British man, with his old school tie tradition of never being conspicuous, is Thaarap thinks, a greater menace to women's smart headgear than the war shortages. "You can't get rid of the Englishwoman's inferiority complex about hats, when he husband continues to tell her she looks silly in anything smart."

Though 200,000 yards of cloth is to be made available for corsets and brassieres next month, English women may have to wait a little longer for glamorous undies promised them.

Club Calendar

W.C.T.U. day of prayer, Thursday at 2.45, in the Y.W.C.A. Cowichan Chapter, I.O.E.E. nomination meeting for 1946 officers Wednesday in their room at Duncan. Esquimalt Women's Institute card and bingo game Thursday at 8 at 1357 Esquimalt Road. Primrose Lodge No. 32, Daughters of England, Friday at 7.30. Worshipful president presiding. Drill practice Jan. 9, at 1.30.

First Aid Awards

Maintenance-of-way employees of the Canadian National Railways in Victoria and district who have received first aid instruction since last summer were awarded St. John Ambulance medallions and diplomas in a group presentation at Point Ellice recently.

The employees, instructed by J. Cook, regional supervisor of first aid, C.N.R., were examined for proficiency by Dr. G. J. L. Pelletier of St. Joseph's Hospital. Presentations were made by H. R. Wilkinson, division engineer, C.N.R., Victoria.

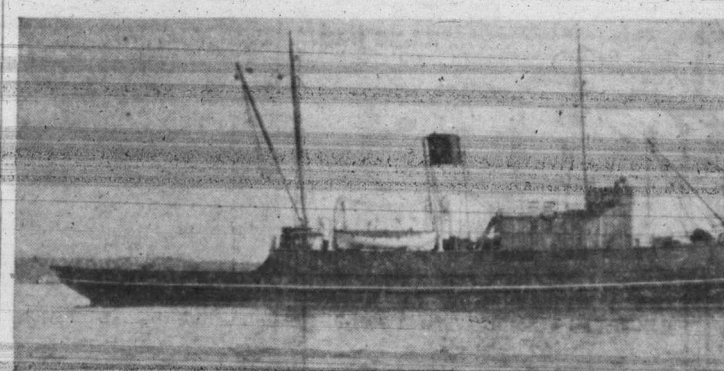
Two Victoria railwaymen, William McCague and Frederick Wellsmith, received medallions. Certificates were presented to Robert Kyle, M. Kissell, D. Braithwaite, G. Zukowsky, I. H. J. Bolcut, E. Briggs and J. W. Burns of Victoria; E. Hillen, J. Carosella and P. Harnak, Milnes Landing; A. Cann, L. Wherry and M. Mychatyn, Metochin.

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Salvage Chieftain Back From Service Overseas



The Salvage Chieftain which returned to home waters when she cleared quarantine station at William Head this morning en route to Vancouver, following her voyage from the United Kingdom where she served as a British Admiralty salvage vessel. The Salvage Chieftain, and the Salvage King which was lost off the coast of England, were taken over by the admiralty from the Pacific Salvage Co. Ltd., which will reclaim the Chieftain following her survey and inspection in Vancouver.

She reached here manned by a British crew which will return home overland. The master is Capt. George Hamilton, of Liverpool. A. C. Burdick, manager of the salvage company, said the vessel would be manned by the crew of the Salvage Queen, following completion of work on her. All modern salvage equipment on the Chieftain will be taken over by the company here.

When the Salvage King went overseas, the Chieftain, then the hydrographic survey ship Lil-loet, was taken over and converted into an oil-burner. The vessel is 574 tons, 163 feet long, and has a 27-foot beam. She is equipped with twin-screw triple-expansion engines developing a speed of 12 knots.

The B.C. Electric Co. Ltd. cut in rates for Vancouver and the lower mainland, approved today by the Public Utilities Commission, gives the area the lowest domestic rate on the continent, the company reported today.

The rate cut, affecting mainly domestic consumers with electric hot water heaters and other appliances which consume a high amount of electricity, is effective Tuesday.

After the first 250 kilowatt hours, consumers will pay 7.5 cents instead of 1 cent an hour for the next 1,000 kilowatt hours. The total saving to 11,000 consumers will be \$50,000.

The rate cut is the result of a survey conducted recently on the lower mainland and Vancouver Island. The survey is continuing.

C.P.R. Appoints European Chief

John C. Patteson, who has been European manager of the Canadian Pacific Railway Co. at London, Eng., for the past nine years, with his services loaned to the British government for four of those years on war work, today was appointed European general manager by D. C. Coleman, chairman and president of the company.

Mr. Patteson will report to Mr. Coleman, who said the revival of the position of European general manager, last held by the late Sir George McLaren Brown, was evidence the company was preparing for the re-establishment of normal trade between Canada and the United Kingdom and Europe.

\$85,000 Building Permit

A building permit was issued today to the Sidney Roofing and Paper Co. for the erection of a new plant and warehouse, costing \$85,000 at 47 Songhees Road. The plant building will be 300 feet by 34 feet, and the warehouse will be 46 by 71 feet.

IN POLICE COURT

James S. Brown who pleaded guilty in city court today to creating a common nuisance at Government and Yates Streets, Dec. 28, was fined \$35. Thirteen persons were fined \$2.50 for parking violations and one person \$5 and another \$15 for traffic violations.

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Victoria Weather Normal for Year

Victoria enjoyed nearly normal weather for the year of 1945, the Dominion Meteorological Observatory on Gonzales Hill reported today.

Mean temperatures for the year was 5 degrees, which was normal. Highest was 83 degrees on Aug. 5, and lowest 25 degrees on Nov. 8.

Precipitation also was only a negligible fraction of an inch from normal at 26.4 inches. The normal is .04-inch less.

Hours of sunshine were 46 below normal at 2,159 hours, or an average of almost six hours of sunshine a day.

The year started off well, with the mean temperature for January four degrees above normal at 43 and the hours of sunshine 16 hours above normal at 85. Mean temperature in February was 43, two above normal, and hours of sunshine were 16 below normal.

Temperature in the spring

months of March, April and May was one degree above normal, but hours of sunshine were 79 below—Victoria's average over many years. However, compensation for this loss of sunshine was made in the summer months when the city got 56 more hours of sunshine than usual. Almost an inch less precipitation was recorded in June, July and August than normal.

The fall rains were heavier than usual by 3.13 inches, although temperatures during September, October and November remained a degree above normal. Sunshine in September was 22 hours less than usual, in October 28 hours more, and in November 24 hours less.

Maximum temperature in December was 52 degrees and minimum 30, with a mean of 41, one degree less than normal. Precipitation was 3.07 inches, 1.66 inches less than usual, and sunshine totalled 61 hours, seven below normal.

New York

Best Market Year Since Booming '28

NEW YORK (AP)—The stock market today somewhat wearily rang the bell on 1945, its best year since the booming 1928, and while scattered favorites stepped out of the final session with modest gains, numerous losers were in evidence.

Last week's buoyant liquors spurred at the start but most ran into profit realizing and failed to hold. Steels, motors and rails were irregularly lower at the close. Except for sizable blocks of "cash" sales for income tax purposes, dealings were slack throughout.

Down Jones averages closed today as follows:

30 Industrials 192.91, up 0.07
20 Rails 62.81, off 0.10
15 Utilities 38.10, off 0.12
65 Stocks 72.09, off 0.05
Total sales, 1,010,000.

(By "A. Number Ltd.")

American P. & L.	114-6
American Tobacco	31-4
American Smelter	44-4
American Tel. and Tel.	101-1
American Woolen	36-6
Anacosta Copper	44-2
Aluminum	37-3
Atlantic Refining	40-2
B. & O. Railway	25-9
Baldwin Locomotive	34-4
Bethlehem Steel	39-4
Bonded Aircraft	58-4
Borden	34-6
Bridge Mfg. Co.	40-6
Canadian Pacific Railway	29-6
C. & O. Railway	123-3
Chrysler	35-6
Consolidated	45-6
Continental	62-9
Curtis Wright	8-8
Electric	31-4
General Electric	47-3
General Motors	30-6
Granby Copper	7-3
Goodrich	30-6
Goodyear Tire	60-4
Great Northern	32-2
Great West Sugar	25-4
Int'l. Harvester	25-4
Int'l. T. & T.	29-3
Int'l. Nickel	27-6
Kennecott Copper	40-4
Loew's Theatre	24-8
Nash Kelvinator	22-4
New York Central	22-2
Northern Pacific	22-2
Packard Motors	36-7
Pennsylvania Railroad	62-5
Phillips Petroleum	37-3
Radio	17-6
Republic Steel	31-1
Schenley Distillers	100-4
Standard Oil New Jersey	17-4
Sears Roebuck	32-3
Southern Pacific	28-6
Southern Railway	29-6
Sperry Corp.	25-4
Studebaker	21-4
Texas Corp.	10-3
Texas Gulf	28-2
United Aircraft	34-4
United Gas and Improvement	25-4
U.S. Steel	29-3
Warner Bros.	33-3
Westinghouse Electric	42-1
Western Union	22-3
Woolworth	22-3
American Waterworks	23-8
Armour, Ill.	15-4
Commercial Solvents	24-4
Grayhound Corp.	32-3

John G. Simpson, 49, Thrice Wounded, Dies

Funeral services for John Graham Simpson, owner of James Maynard Ltd., were conducted this afternoon at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church by Rev. J. L. W. McLean. Interment was in Ross Bay Cemetery.

Mr. Simpson, who was widely known in the business, church and club life of the city, died Friday after an illness of several months. He was born in Winnipeg 49 years ago and came here when he was 11 years of age. He enlisted in the First World War with the 48th Battalion and served with it in France, later transferring to 7th Battalion after he had received his commission in the field. He was wounded three times.

For some years Mr. Simpson was superintendent of St. Andrew's Sunday school, and in 1925 organized the Andrews' Boys' Class, which for many years produced leading basketball and softball teams. Mr. Simpson played with several teams and had held memberships in both the Gyo and Rotary clubs, being a member of the latter's orchestra.

Mrs. Simpson predeceased her husband by one year. The family residence was 1326 Franklin Terrace.

300 Guests at Dance Of Sidney Roofing

Almost 300 were guests of the Sidney Roofing and Paper Co. Ltd. at a dinner, entertainment and dance held last week in the Empress Hotel ballroom.

R. W. Mayhew, president of the firm and Logan Mayhew, managing director, made brief talks in which a hearty welcome was extended to the 76 former servicemen who are now employed by the company. Thanks were expressed to those employees who had stayed with the company and borne the burden of extremely heavy demands on production during the war years.

The company president voiced appreciation to 30 women who during the war had worked at tasks which would normally be regarded as too heavy for women. J. Newbigging, president-elect of the local union, thanked the company on behalf of the employees.

The entertainment was arranged by J. Whittaker, employee of the company. It included songs and dance numbers by four members of the Victoria girls' Pipe Band—Gerry Easton, Donna McCabe, Thelma Todd and Audrey Patrick—accompanied at the piano by Dorothy Cokerell.

Violin solos by Geoff Venables, accordion trios by Ernie Fullerton, John Ross and Cliff Moore, and a display of magic by Ernie Crookford were also included.

Hon. Humphrey Mitchell, Minister of Labor for the federal government, attended and spoke briefly.

Orders-in-Council

Deadline for completion of assessment rolls has been extended from Jan. 15 to Feb. 15 by provincial order-in-council.

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WRESTLING COMEDY
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HELEN WALKER

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CANADIAN NEWS

Capitol

Midnight Show At Dominion

"Truth is usually more exciting than fiction," avers Louis de Rochemont, producer for 20th Century-Fox, "but obvious acting, self-conscious extras and movie sets often make it unbelievable on the screen."

De Rochemont hit on a novel stunt for avoiding such consequences in the filming of "The House on 92nd Street," a true story of Nazi espionage in America, starring William Eythe, Lloyd Nolan and Signe Hasso, and showing midnight Monday at

the Dominion Theatre. He had the sensational drama filmed in the locales of the events with concealed cameras in order to capture unsuspecting passersby and crowds to enhance the realism of the background action.

'Duffy's Tavern' Opens at Capitol

From now on "Duffy's Tavern" will have a Hollywood address instead of a Brooklyn one. Ed Gardner, as "Archie, the manager," has decided to make Hollywood his permanent home. Originally the show was broad-

cast entirely in the east, but last year, 13 programs came from Hollywood. Now that Gardner has signed up for motion pictures and expects to follow Paramount's screen version of "Duffy's Tavern," currently featured at the Capitol Theatre, with other film chores, he will do all his broadcasting from the west coast, with the exception of eight shows a year, when he will return to New York to keep his Brooklyn accent in trim.

In addition to Archie and his gang which includes Charley "Finnegan" Cantor, Eddie Green, the waiter, and Ann Thomas (Miss Duffy), "Duffy's Tavern" stars 32 of Hollywood's biggest

names—Bing Crosby, Betty Hutton, Alan Ladd, Paulette Goddard, Dorothy Lamour—just to mention a few.

'Dolly Sisters' At Capitol Midnight

The old-time songs... today's tunes... the musical battle of the ages is on again. This time it is being fought out in the sumptuous settings of 20th Century-Fox's dazzling technicolor musical, "The Dolly Sisters," which stars Betty Grable, John Payne and June Haver, and showing midnight Monday at the Capitol Theatre.

But producer George Jessel has played it safe. Not taking sides, he commissioned ace Hollywood tunesmiths Mack Gordon and James Monaco to write two new songs to balance the host of old-time favorites heard in the film based on the lives of the two fabulous sisters who set a world aflame with their songs and broke a million hearts along the way.

Iturbi, Durante In 'Music for Millions'

Jose Iturbi, eminent concert pianist and symphony conductor who established himself firmly as an actor in "Thousands Cheer" and is under long-term contract to M-G-M, again portrays himself in "Music for Millions," in which Margaret O'Brien and Jimmy Durante have the other top roles at the York Theatre.

Iturbi's role presents him as the conductor of a great symphony in which, to his consternation, women are replacing men because of the war. June Allyson is a string bass player in the symphony and little Margaret is cast as her sister.

'National Velvet' Now at Cadet

Five old-time picture stars were directed by Clarence Brown in M-G-M's technicolor production, "National Velvet," which stars Mickey Rooney at the Cadet Theatre. They are King Baggot, famed director; May McEwry, former well-known star; Mahlon Hamilton, popular leading man; Naomi Childers and Rose Langdon, both of whom were leading women.

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JOE CARIACA is a local boy who makes good in Walt Disney's colorful fantasy, "The Three Caballeros." When Joe coaxes his pal Donald Duck to Brazil, Donald falls for Aurora Miranda, and it's only when the third co-star, Panchito, whisks Donald away to other countries and other loves that a beautiful friendship is re-established. RKO radio releases the rollicking feature-length film which is in technicolor, now at the York.

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Victoria, Island Servicemen On Several Ships

Approximately 639 air personnel are due to arrive in Halifax Jan. 2 on the troop ship *Mauretania*. Immediately disembarkation, the repair will proceed to Lachine R.C. repair depot, where they are expected to arrive Jan. 2. Lachine they will be docume paid and issued leaves and go on leave the following day. Also on the ship are 150 personnel.

R.C.A.F. and army personnel from Victoria and Vancouver Island arriving on the *Mauretania* are as follows: Air personnel:

From Victoria: LAC. A. Todd, 2086 Oak Bay Ave. Cpl. E. Wheeler, 43 Lewis St. LAC. A. A. Playfair, 363 Avenue; Sgt. J. A. Miller, Beach Drive; Cpl. D. L. Intosh, 2583 Lincoln Road; Sgt. P. Como, 1897 Foul Road; and LAW. H. Wood, 2426 Windsor Road.

From Island points: Cpl. N. Russell, Comox; LAC. J. Miller, 337 Robson Street; LAC. H. C. Nikula, Pender Harbour; LAC. A. Johnston, 377 Milton Street; LAC. A. I. Dady, Methuen Street, Ladysmith.

Army personnel: Capt. H. F. Dixon, 1050 S. Gate; Cpl. J. E. Bateman, Machleary St., Nanaimo; Cpl. A. Blackman, Box 922, Port Alberni; Pte. F. Britton, 527 E. Mait Road; Sigm. E. K. yon, Yates St.; Spr. E. L. P. 2019 Chambers St.; Pte. K. Marshall, 1033 St. Patrick; Tpr. J. N. Page, 27A Moss; Gnr. R. W. Pollard, Hope; Pender Island; Pte. D. Storey, 129 Milton St., Nanaimo; W. A. Wrench, 501 aulay St.

PERSONNEL ON SCYTHIA

Victoria and district personnel arriving aboard the *Scythia* docking in Halifax Jan. 5, C. R. Eagles, 1289 Dallas R. Lt. G. A. Jones, 1135 McG. Street; Maj. A. J. MacA. Ladysmith, Lt. D. J. Muir, Foul Bay Road; QMS. M. Crump, 44 Niagara St.; Cpl. A. P. R. Hantke, Canter Road; Sgt. E. Gokey, 1010 den Avenue; Sgt. R. A. Mc. 1535 Richardson Street; Pte. J. R. Botten, 201 Cadillac St. Pte. J. H. Castle, Duncan; W. Greene, 799 Cave Street; L. Holman, Coombs; Cpl. G. Hughes, 410 Quebec Street; E. C. Jones, 1507 Chama Street; Cpl. W. L. Laker, Nanaimo; Bdr. G. M. Letnes, 1 Harrison Street; Pte. R. McK. 1350 Slater Street; Pte. J. Odden, Nanaimo; Pte. F. Rhode, William Head; Pte. G. Kinner, 3387—Laurier—St. Sgm. N. E. Welchman, Gon Head Road.

Capt. A. R. Roberts, 2269 Thompson Avenue; RSM. E. Strong, 1017 Kings Road; Lt. G. J. B. Burns, 2117 McIl Avenue; Sgt. J. R. Cran, 11 Hampshire Road; Sgt. R. P. nning, 18 Lotus Avenue; Sgt. M. Ross, Nanaimo; Sgt. P. J. lamson, 50 Beach Drive; Pte. A. R. Corbett, 1013 Vancor Street; Pte. W. Hole, 1228 Jon Street; Cfn. E. B. Honor Wilson Street; Pte. H. W. eker, Carrier Road; Spr. D. IN. Lee, Nanaimo; Pte. D. A. e-Lennan, 69 San Jose Ave; Cfn. J. Politano, 1406 Chamrs Street; Sgm. L. J. Rogers, 28 Oak Bay Avenue; Cpl. C. Dr-lacher, 740 Hillside Avenue.

Personnel arriving in Haax, Dec. 30, aboard *Empire* ac-Kendrick, Capt. W. I. Anden, 282 Island Highway; Capt. J. F. Ferrie, 1756 Coronation; GmW. L. Luney, 2028 Runnymede ve-nue.

Personnel arriving in Haax aboard *Ss. Richmond Park* cking Jan. 4, Maj. J. D. Baird, 930 Quappelle Street; Col. W. A. Fraser, O.B.E., 3175 Tarn Pce.

MORE ELIZABETH ARRIVALS
 Additional Victoria and an-couver Island army personnel who arrived in New York Friay night on *Ss. Queen Elizabeth*, are as follows:

Lieut. Colin Peter Rutherford, McNeill; AWOL S. O. M. Weson, 2675 Cadboro; Sgt. W. J. Strag, R.R. 3, Victoria; Pte. P. A. Anderson, 406 Burde, Port Alberni; Pte. D. A. Banasky, William, Nanaimo; Pte. R. J. Kidd; Pte. W. Stephen, Port Alberni; Pte. C. R. Westcott, 154 Robinson; CSM. J. L. Nimmo, Westholme, V.I.; Tpr. R. O. Gibson, Youbou, V.I.; Cpl. C. B. Hamilton, 20 Needham, Nanaimo; Pte. G. E. Young, 184 Nicol, Nanaimo; Pte. S. D. K. Knox, C.W.A.C., Cowichan Bay; Sgt. E. Smalley, C.W.A.C., Box 1696 R.R. 3, Victoria; Capt. C. B. Newman, Roy Road; Sgt. L. F. Bradley, 454 Admirals; L.Cpl. A. T. Blackmore, 2753 Asquith; Cfn. T. S. Carson, R.R. 4, Victoria; Pte. R. C. Clark, 928 Bay; Pte. F. C. B. Crowthers, 1165 Oxford; Spr. B. H. Davis, 1330 Rudlin; Pte. H. Hanks, R.R. 2, Gibbons, Duncan; Cfn. R. R. Har-

Fruitless Search for Owner's Body



With a gaping hole in her star-board side, her stem smashed and her deck a tangled mass of gear, the 30-foot fishing vessel *Kate*, shown above on the Island Tug and Barge Ltd. wharf, where a search was made aboard her by B.C. Police Sgt. C. Jacklin and Const. A. W. Quinn Saturday for the body of the missing owner, 60-year-old Jergen Soren-son.

The craft was discovered rison, 15 Irwin, Nanaimo; Spr. J. Hollier, 1156 Pembroke; Pte. L. C. Kidd, R.R. 2, Victoria; Gnr. P. F. Lorenzo, 301 South 4th, Port Alberni; Pte. G. W. Norris, 1069 Island, Duncan; Cpl. H. Tate, 389 Kerr, Victoria; Gnr. K. Wit-aker, Bench, Cowichan Station.

OTHER ARRIVALS
 Listed below are other arrivals of Victoria service personnel scheduled on ships from the Far East and England:

Kitsilano Park due to arrive in Vancouver from the Far East approximately Jan. 1, 1946: Pte. J. Yuen, 1411 Government; Spr. D. W. Fong, 529 Flsgard; Tpr. D. Lam, 1021 Pandora. Duchess of Bedford: Pte. R. Gerth, 58 South Turner; Pte. L. Flindell, 623 Manchester. Due in Vancouver approxi-mately Jan. 4, 1946: Maj. J. D. Baird, 2930 Qu'Appelle St.; Col. W. A. Fraser, 3175 Tarn Place. Lady Rodney docking Halifax: Capt. Wm. Hall, 1070 Jasmin, Marigold; Capt. B. W. Murdoch, 2014 Chaucer; Lieut. J. P. Stark, 51 Marlborough; Spr. J. Thom-son, 2183 Florence.

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'UNCLE' ROBERT BENCHLEY tells a bedtime story to the four Crosby youngsters, Gary, Philip, Denis and Lin, in Paramount's "Duffy's Tavern," now at the Capitol.

Honest Work By Honest Hands To Build Great Peace Prosperity

MONTREAL — Canada can build in its postwar years its greatest era of prosperity, provided the foundations are honest work honestly wrought by honest hands and by the assumption by every citizen of his share in the building of a better world, declared D. C. Coleman, chairman and president of the Canadian Pacific Railway, in his annual review released today.

"What lies ahead for Canada and the Canadian Pacific — for the two have been synonymous since Confederation — is in the hands of the Canadian people," Mr. Coleman said. "With sound government, the wise expenditure of public, corporate and private funds; with real friendship and honest co-operation between industry, labor, primary producers and consumers, 1946 and the succeeding postwar years can become the most prosperous era this great Dominion has ever experienced."

"The team work that leveled all barriers during the war years was a training for the hard tasks that confront every Canadian with his face to the future. What the Canadian Pacific has done and is doing to prepare itself for the problems of the postwar period is but one contribution of the many that must be made to wards the country's prosperity."

"That prosperity must be founded upon honest work honestly wrought by honest hands, by the assumption by every citizen of his share in the building of a better world. There will be no room for strife between man-agement and labor, between in-dustry and agriculture, between manufacturer and consumer."

PEACE DIVIDENDS
 Victory, as too many sorrow-ing households know, was not bought cheaply in blood, in toil, or in treasure. Mr. Coleman pointed out. "It now behooves all of us to see to it that the heavy price paid returns some measure of dividend in the form of maintained peace, balanced economic conditions and a con-tinuation of unselfish co-opera-tion in all our affairs."

The first steps toward such a goal have already been taken, he said. Studies made while every sinew was strained in the prosecution of the war enabled the Canadian Pacific to start upon its peace-time role as soon as warfare ceased.

Reconversion of machinery and services, and restoration to civil employment of men and women of the company's staff stood first on the list of post-war necessities, Mr. Coleman said. Both, as the result of advance planning, are proceeding satisfactorily.

"Materially, the report for the closing year is good and the out-look for 1946, on the whole, bright," the president stated. "Reconversion to peacetime production and service of those sections of the company's activities that were devoted to the war effort is proceeding with drive and urgency."

"Records have been made in this change-over which equal the records made in placing Cana-dian Pacific machinery on a wartime basis. At Ogden Shops, in Calgary, only 60 days were needed to transform an all-out war industry into one of the

most up-to-date assembly-line lo-comotive shops in America. Angus Shops, in Montreal, a high-production, dual purpose plant in the war years, rehabili-tated itself equally rapidly.

"Return of personnel, due to understandable reasons, has not been so rapid as material re-habilitation, although, in the past few months, a fast increas-ing tempo has been noted. Of the 20,847 men and women who enlisted, 3,217 had resumed duty with the company by the end of October. The rate of return, doubled itself in that month and a similar geometrical progres-sion is anticipated as demobiliza-tion proceeds."

HEAVY SEA LOSSES

"On the seas the remainder of a prewar fleet depleted by the heaviest war losses ever borne by one company, with a consequent tragic loss of brave men, has been augmented by the first of four new cargo carriers, *Ss. Beaverdell*, a 10,000-ton, 16-knot, modern vessel. With her run-ning mates, this new ship will be employed in fast regular freight transport between Cana-da and London."

"Of the passenger vessels still afloat not much can be said until repatriation is completed and controls, necessary in war but hampering to profitable peace-time operation, are lifted. The present high building costs for new ships do not promise im-mediate replacement of the en-tire Atlantic and Pacific ser-vices, but the company envisions the re-establishment of service on both oceans with a minimum of delay."

An idea of the immensity of the company's war effort may be gained from the fact that from October, 1944, to September, 1945, inclusive, 55,220,951 revenue tons and 18,180,765 passengers were carried by the railway, Mr. Coleman said.

Gross earnings from railway operation were, November, 1944 to October, 1945, inclusive, \$318,084,000.

Dividend payments in 1945 totaled \$21,792,782, of which \$16,750,000 was on ordinary and \$5,042,782 on preference stock of the company.

Victory Loan subscriptions by the company and its employees totaled \$60,130,100 in the past year. Individual investments in future security in this form by the employees amounted to \$24,695,100. Despite the heavy per-sonal demands upon all purses during the six years of war, in-vestments in victory loans reached the sum of \$138,342,000 from the company and pension fund, and \$65,927,100 from in-dividual employees, making the large total of \$204,269,100.

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had been notified to be ready to travel "on very short notice." The announcement followed closely President Truman's signing of legislation to speed up the entry into the United States of brides of U.S. soldiers. The first shipment of about 1,200 brides is expected to sail at the end of January.

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Hometown Letter

DEAR VISITORS from all parts of the continent came to Victoria for the Yuletide festival which has become synonymous with celebration of Christmas in Victoria.

There were few Victorians among the 600 guests who ate Christmas dinner at the Empress Hotel. Home for Christmas this year were large numbers of former servicemen who have just received their discharge and who were enjoying reunions with their families and friends. It was a mild day with temperatures higher than usual and no signs of snow. Travel was heavy on steamships, planes and buses, although reports showed that service, travel on recent week-ends had dropped from about 50 per cent of the passengers to around 10 per cent.

BUILDING in all four municipalities of Greater Victoria during 1945 will probably hit an all-time high. With 1,195 permits issued for a total value of \$2,703,547 and the strong possibility that another \$220,000 in permits will be issued by the year's end the city of Victoria has the highest building values since 1929, when the figure of \$3,862,681 in new buildings was reached. Bank of Montreal's main offices here will be enlarged with alterations now under way. Bad news for Victoria came from V.M.D. with the announcement that the company will not get the contract to reconvert the Agamemnon which they were turning into an amenity ship for the Pacific. Reconversion would have employed 400 to 500 additional workers for more than six months. All cyclists who have not registered their bicycles with the police have been urged to do

so immediately. By law owners of bicycles must register them. **GROVE** Capt. W. T. M. Newson, D.S.O., D.F.G. and Bar, commanding officer of the R.C.A.F. station at Lachine, is home on leave with his bride. They are staying with his parents, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. H. M. Newson, 1092 Transit Road. John Shepherd Earle, 1061 Joan Crescent, died at the age of 91. Motorists have just learned that tire rationing will be removed New Year's Day, although dealers have little hope of supplying the needs of all for some time to come. The housing situation in Victoria continues to get worse according to Mrs. W. B. Rayfuse of the Emergency Shelter Registry. She said: "I don't know what we'll do after the Canadian Scottish come home. Where we used to have 10 or 12 registrations of living quarters coming in daily, now we're lucky if we get one or two. The applications from people awaiting accommodation is climbing steadily."

PAY Lt. Cmdr. John Barclay with Mrs. Barclay and their two daughters are going to Ottawa to reside. Carrying Victoria's Canadian Scottish the liner Queen Elizabeth has arrived at New York. Plans were under way to welcome the battalion home on New Year's Day, but late arrival cause a change in plans. Last transport ferry delivered by Yarrows Ltd. is reported to have reached New York on the way to the United Kingdom. Convinced of future expansion of yachting Arnold Moran, shipyard manager of Falconer Marine Industries, is planning establishment of a yacht basin at Shoal Harbor to service the sailing craft of both Canadian and U.S. sportsmen.

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Victoria Nature Talks

A GREEN CHRISTMAS

ROBERT CONNELL

IF from the papers we have read snow on Christmas Day her only four times since 1895, so that green Christmases may be taken as customary. And of course it is more than absence of snow that makes them "green"—grass and many perennial plants of garden and wild add effectively to the background of evergreens. The simpler forms of plant life mosses and ferns chiefly, brighten the grey rocks and tree-trunks.

Furthermore our gardens, at least the older ones, show hundreds of the little sweet-scented violets in flower as well as primroses—both mauve and purple. Delicate-looking lilies are in flower, orchid-like blossoms of pale blue, yellow, white and purple. The yellow jasmine is like a galaxy of golden stars and of course there are the myriad clusters of little pink bells of the Erica heaths, but they, like Christmas-roses and the snowdrops are above weather conditions and face any degree of severity the Victoria climate may show. Of course in sheltered sunny places many flowers of summer and autumn may still be seen no doubt, but I am thinking rather of the ordinary open exposed garden.

WINTER WAYSIDE

In my last notes I described a wayside blackberry's foliage. My subject was one in an open situation, the north side of a small thicket. Today I have been admiring one by a woodland trail. The leaves were a bright vivid green, the leaflets large, the stems were red, and still more

richly red were the leaf-stalks. Even the hooked prickles were full of living color. This particular plant in its protected place will no doubt be evergreen whatever January may have in store.

Another evidence of our green winters is the gorse, whin, or furze, as it is variously called in the British Isles. I saw it a few days ago in magnificent bloom at the Uplands, the golden masses of blossom most effectively set off by the dark foliage. In very exposed places it is liable to be killed by the severe cold dry north winds we get at times.

Along the same woodland trail where I saw the fresh green and red of the blackberry, the snowberry abounds. I noticed the other day an interesting instance of variation in the fruiting of this attractive winter shrub. Usually the fruit is found in clusters, and not infrequently made up of two adjacent clusters—merging in one, for the snowberry has its leaves and flower and fruit clusters in opposite pairs. On one bush 10 feet or so in height the berries were all large and growing singly in almost every instance; only on one or two branchlets in pairs.

It was a very different habit from the customary one in which there are often so many as 10 to 15 fruits crowded together. Close examination showed that in the single-berried bush the competing fruits had never developed. Usually the snowberry is a comparatively low shrub from waist to shoulder high.

A BIRD IN THE BUSH

A small bird flew from a bush by the trail and when it lit

a few yards on I was able to make out its small size, smaller than a chickadee, but I could get no better view than a silhouette against low southern sky, and that a very brief one. It then moved into the edge of some thick shrubbery and there it replied to my call, and even gave its kingletship.

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Sports Mirror

By PETE SALLAWAY

WISHING ONE AND ALL A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

BEFORE writing another year of sport into the books it is only fitting to look back over 12 months and review some of the major happenings in the local athletic world. Sport in general experienced good times and in the latter part of the year several branches received a shot in the arm through the return of star athletes from the services. All sport should show large improvement in its first peacetime year as even a greater percentage of the athletes in the services will once again don playing togs.

ONE OF the major developments of the year was the organization of the Victoria Baseball and Athletic Co. Ltd., to sponsor the return of professional baseball to the city. The new group obtained a franchise in the Western International League and early in the new year will start renovations at Athletic Park to prepare the playing field for opening of the season early in May. Backed by businessmen of the city with **Laurel Harney** as manager the club deserves the wholehearted support of the city's sport followers. Amateur baseball enjoyed another successful season with the Victoria Machinery Depot under playing coach **Reg Patterson** regaining the league and city championships, defeating the navy in the postseason play-off.

VICTORIA winds up 1945 still without an ice arena. In February the citizens dug down in their pockets to the tune of \$65,000 to help erect a civic-owned rink but continued delays have held up construction of the new plant. However, there is every reason to believe the arena will be ready for operation by the time another winter rolls around. Determined to keep their organization alive the Victoria Minor Hockey Association continued its operations by taking the city's youthful players all the way to Nanaimo for conditioning and entry in the provincial playdowns. Considering their handicap the boys did well in the B.C. finals last spring and coach **Ivan Temple** expects even greater success in this season's play-downs.

BASKETBALL devotees saw the return to the court of the famous Dominoes with what appears to be one of their greatest squads. Paged by the sensational **Norm Baker** who threatens to set an all-time seasonal scoring record for the club, under the management of **Dave Nicol**, appears headed for another Canadian championship. Earlier in the year the city saw its first international tournament staged at the Willows under the joint sponsorship of the Victoria League and the Kinsmen Club. Led by the brilliant **Gail Bishop**, Fort Lewis Warriors nosed out Seattle Alpine Dairy in the final. A B.C. senior men's championship series was run off with Victoria Kins losing out to Vancouver Lauries. Local minor division clubs showed up well in island and provincial play-offs.

FASTBALLERS enjoyed a particularly good season with both British Columbia men's championships falling to local clubs. Tommy Tuckers invaded Vancouver to capture the senior men's crown while **Brentwood Aces**, playing at home, lifted the senior B honors. In the local women's league **Bob Whyte's** Adverts, more or less upset the dope by coping the title in the play-offs after finishing back of the Sports Club and Joe Foster's in the regular league campaign.

SOCCER in 1945 saw the hustling youthful Victoria West occupy the spotlight by battling its way into the B.C. championship final only to go down to defeat in the deciding match. The Wests, returning to competition, after an absence of two years, proved the wonder club of the province. The greenhorns took up where they left off in the fall and just before the close of the year were crowned Victoria and District League champions.

VICTORIA'S domination of the provincial rugby field ended with the **Crimson Tide** losing possession of the McKeech Cup to Coach **Dan Dowell's** power-packed University of British Columbia Thunderbirds. With the return of many ranking players from overseas the **Crimson Tide** will make a strong bid to return the trophy to the city in the current campaign. Cadets from the Naval College dominated local league play.

ALTHOUGH not back on the same footing it enjoyed in prewar years golf passed through a successful year in Victoria with all the clubs experiencing increased memberships. **Gordon Verley** won the city championship after a thrilling struggle with **Walter Newcombe** that was decided on the 36th green. Big **Ralph Whaley** dominated the annual seniors' tournament for the second successive year, lifting both the grand and open titles. With the return of many of the city's leading amateurs from the services the game should experience a definite revival in 1946.

COACH **ABCHIE McKINNON** continued his outstanding success in the track and swimming fields. During the summer his Flying "Y" tracksters cleaned up in provincial competitions, while his swimmers just about swept the boards in the annual Kelowna regatta. In international competitions this winter McKinnon's track swimmers have hung up a string of triumphs with his junior performers being particularly brilliant.

SUMMER months saw the return of professional wrestling with promoter **Jim Downing** presenting several shows at a local theatre with mediocre success. Boxing was dormant until youthful **Michael East** brought in heavyweight champion **Joe Louis** for an exhibition bout that proved a financial success for the smooth punching negro but not the promoter. Victoria Amateur Boxing Club was reorganized late in the year with a live-wire executive ready to step out and revive the game in quarters at the old Duchess Street firehall.

TENNIS got back on the sport calendar with a revival of the city championship at the Victoria Club, while the Victoria-Saanich Inlet Anglers' Association and Chinook Club were again active with their season highlighted by a monster derby for repatriated soldiers. With the lifting of the rationing on ammunition the Victoria Skeet and Gun Club and other rifle groups resumed operations late in the year. Table tennis enthusiasts continued to hold forth in their quarters at the Crystal Garden with several first-class tournaments.



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230-Pound Carney Packs the Ball



One of the most marked players on the field in Saturday's McKeech Cup rugby match was big Tom Carney, Victoria wing three-quarter. Every time he took the ball Carney was "ganged" by Vancouver. Above picture shows a lone member of the Lions trying desperately to bring the big boy down. Other Victoria players seen in the picture are: Bill Van Druten and Scoop Blades. Lieutenant Governor W. C. Woodward performed the official kick-off. Accompanied on the field by Maj. J. C. Macdonald he was introduced to the members of both clubs.

Dominoes Score Easy Win Over Seattle Outfit

With their opposition nothing better than a good workout, Dominoes trampled Seattle College 67 to 32 in Saturday night's international basketball engagement. After moving into a 21 to 7 lead by the end of the first quarter, the Dominoes won as they pleased and their margin of victory could easily have been much bigger if the local stars had elected to put on the pressure.

In a preliminary game J.B.A.A. turned back the Roller Bowl 28 to 21 in the intermediate A boys' division. Seattle College just didn't have the experience or material to match the star-studded Dominoes. The Washington youngsters tried hard but were up against too tough competition. For 10 minutes in the first half the visitors failed to add a point to their score.

Weak competition allowed manager Dave Nicol of the Dominoes to give all his players a chance to see plenty of action. Rookie Wright, George Straith and Ian McKeachie were on the floor more than usual and worked in well as the local club elected to set up block plays for baskets. Doug Peden remained on the bench all night, resting his injured hip.

Norm Baker was again high scorer for Dominoes with 19 points, followed by Straith with 13 and McKeachie and Busher Jackson, each with 10. Truckey was a standout for the Seattle club, pushing up 16 points.

Teams and scores follow:
Seattle College-Penton, Drummer 2, Truckey 16, Connor 4, Hawkins 2, Gorbil, Hastings 8, Penner, Benn, Coe.
Dominoes-Andrew 7, Chabman 2, Straith 13, McKeachie 10, Wright 6, Jackson 10, Baker 19.
Roller Bowl-Aiken 5, Jazet, Craven, Hetherington 4, Worth 3, Winters 2, Baldin, Dicks 6, Rafferty 1.
J.B.A.A.-Rymoski 11, O'Connell 12, Webster, Scotney, Slank, Mitchell 12, French, Scott.

League games scheduled this week follow:
WEDNESDAY (High School): 7:00-Canadian Legion vs. Sprinkling Tailors, men's senior B; 8:00-Chinese Buddists vs. Northwestern Creamery, men's senior B; 9:00-K.V.'s vs. Dominoes, men's senior A.
FRIDAY (Bratwood Hall): 7:30-Rookies vs. United, women's section; 8:30-Alice vs. Roller Bowl, intermediate A; 9:30-Sprinkling Tailors vs. Brentwood Aces, men's senior B.
SATURDAY (High School): 7:30-Eagles vs. Sprinkling Tailors, men's senior B; 9:00-Dominoes vs. Washington Athletic Club, intercity exhibition.

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Chicago Hawks Hit Hard

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Week-end Scores
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Chicago 5, Canadiens 4.
Rangers 3, Chicago 2.
Boston 3, Detroit 3.

Players pressed jubilantly around Bill Mosienko Saturday after the 160-pound right wing on hockey's hottest line fired the shot which felled Montreal Canadiens 5 to 4.

Less than 24 hours later, Mosienko slumped to the ice in Madison Square Garden with injured knee tendons suffered when blocked by defenceman Bill Moe of New York Rangers.

Thus did calamity strike at the height of a seven-game undefeated streak which brought Chicago's month-long objective—leadership of the National Hockey League—within easy grasp.

All they had to do was defeat the tailend Rangers, who hadn't won a game in a month. But Mosienko's injury, crippling the striking power molded around Bill and the two Bentley brothers, helped pave way for a surprise 3 to 2 victory for New York.

Two goals by Grant Warwick and one by Tony Leswick, all in the first period, brought Rangers their fifth victory in 22 starts and prevented Hawks from closing the one-point margin which separates them from the leading Canadiens. With Mosienko gone, Doug and Max Bentley were held scoreless. Pete Horeck's first-period goal and Alex Kaleta's tally early in the third weren't enough for the Hawks.

SMART COMEBACK

In Sunday's only other N.H.L. game, Boston Bruins battled Red Wings to a 3 to 3 tie at Detroit after scoring twice within 37 seconds in the last period.

Don Gallinger and Milt Schmidt produced the tying tallies for Boston after Detroit had built up a 3 to 1 lead in the first two periods on two counters by Adam Brown and one by Ted Lindsay against Herb Cain's single for Bruins. The deadlock—third straight between these two teams—left them tied for third place three points behind Chicago.

In one of two Saturday games which opened the N.H.L.'s 10th week-end of competition, Bruins shaded Toronto Maple Leafs 4 to 3 as the Leafs suffered their third straight setback to sink further into fifth place, 3½ games behind Boston and Detroit. Alert netminder by Frank Brimsek, who didn't have a chance on

Hockey Summaries

RANGERS-CHICAGO

First Period—1. New York, Leswick (Demarco, Leswick), 5:37; 2. New York, Leswick (Moe), 11:14; 3. New York, Leswick (Demarco), 14:11; 4. Chicago, Horeck (Kaleta), 19:31. Penalties—Allen.
Second Period—Scoring None. Penalties—N. Colville, Hamilton.
Third Period—1. Chicago, Kaleta (Hamill, Smith), 6:25. Penalties—Pike, Marlucci, Wersick.

BOSTON-DETROIT
First Period—1. Detroit, Brown (E. Brunette, Armstrong), 15:01. Penalties—Quackenbush, Cowley, Jackson, Gauthier, Church.
Second Period—2. Detroit, Lindsay (Couture, Howe), 5:46; 3. Boston, Cain (Henderson), 8:52; 4. Detroit, Brown (Couture, M. Brunette), 8:58. Penalties—None.
Third Period—2. Boston, Gallinger (Shill), 7:40; 6. Boston, Schmidt, 8:17. Penalties—None.

CANADIENS-CHICAGO
First Period—1. Chicago, M. Bentley (Allen), 1:35; 2. Montreal, Hiller (O'Connor, Bengt), 15:46; 3. Chicago, Smith (Lach, O'Connor), 11:27; 4. Chicago, Mosienko (Lach), 18:11; 5. Montreal, Richard (Blair, Lach), 18:11; 6. Chicago, Gee (Hamill, Wares), 14:31. Penalties—Cowey, Marlucci.
Second Period—2. Montreal, O'Connor (Bengt, Hiller), 8:06; 3. Montreal, Richard (Lach, O'Connor), 11:27; 4. Chicago, Mosienko (Lach), 18:11; 5. Montreal, Richard (Blair, Lach), 18:11; 6. Chicago, Gee (Hamill, Wares), 14:31. Penalties—Cowey, Marlucci.

BOSTON-TORONTO
First Period—1. Toronto, Metz (Taylor), 11:37. Penalties—None.
Second Period—2. Boston, Crawford, 2:18; 3. Toronto, Schriger, 3:33; 4. Boston, Cowley, 7:23. Penalties—None.
Third Period—2. Boston, Reardon (Cable), 4:24; 3. Toronto, Kennedy (Morris), 6:24; 7. Boston, Cowley (Reardon), 11:13. Penalties—None.

The three shots that beat him, and a two-goal performance by veteran Bill Cowley, helped Boston maintain their seasonal undefeated record against Toronto.

Terry Reardon and Johnny Crawford also scored for Bruins. Nik Metz, Sweeney Schirner and Ted Kennedy were the Leaf marksmen.

In Montreal Saturday, Chicago outscored Canadiens by one goal in each of the first two periods, watched Montreal tie the count 4 to 4 with two goals midway through the third period, and then went ahead for the final time at 17:40 when Mosienko's low shot from close range fooled Bill Durnan.

Maurice Richard with two goals and Buddy O'Connor and Dutch Hiller with one apiece ed Canadiens. Centre Max Bentley, league-leading scorer, also had two. Clint Smith, George Gee and Mosienko fashioned the other tallies for Chicago.

FORT LEWIS WINS

TACOMA (AP)—Gale Bishop demonstrated again why he is one of the nation's greatest basketball players here Saturday night, piling up 29 points to lead the Fort Lewis Separation Centre team to a 65 to 46 victory over the University of Washington.

Angling and Hunting

By "CAF" THORSEN

As Old Man 1945, bowed and bent from the weight of things heaped on his shoulders during his hectic and eventful 12-month reign, gets ready to vacate his throne, the Vancouver Island angling and hunting fraternities are looking forward to better things from the sprightlier gent who answers to "Mr. 1946" soon after he takes over at midnight.

Canada is looking forward to a history-breaking tourist trade next year, now that the war is over and gas rationing has been lifted.

And the tyee fishing grounds of Campbell River and Port Alberni, the King Salmon Club at Comox, the coho and grise waters of Cowichan Bay and the spring salmon offerings of Saanich Inlet are expected to attract a good share of the tourist invasion from south of the border and Canada herself for Vancouver Island's reputation as a sport fisherman's paradise has spread all over the continent and beyond.

Port Alberni is out to advertise the sport offered in the canal waters as the "best in the west" and it was learned recently of the intention of the club to build a first-class clubhouse.

The big hope here—and it must be pretty well general in this part of the world—is that fishing equipment of all kinds, supplies of which have dwindled badly due to lack of replacements in the war years, will soon become plentiful. A release on all types of ammunition is another "soon" hoped for.

BEST WAR-YEAR PROGRESS

The best progress made in a war year was scored by the Victoria Fish and Game Protective Association. This organization has built its membership from a mere 150 to almost 1,000 "and let's make it bigger still," says president Freddy Hughes. Association members are becoming increasingly perturbed over the way more and more fertile hunting country is being put "out of bounds" to hunters on the lower island. One of the association's aims in the new year is to secure the okay to develop the Sooke Lake watershed area, source of the city's water supply, into a park area—develop it into a fishing, hunting, swimming, skating, picnicking and a general all-round public recreational spot.

The Victoria-Saanich Inlet Anglers' Association, activities of which were badly curbed largely due to the gas rationing, will be making the comeback drive in 1946. It is the hope of a great many members—and former members—that the good old pre-war competitions with expensive prizes (an automobile was first prize once), will be the order again. Just before the war the secretary of this sport salmon fishing association could count a membership of 1,000. The efforts of hard-working George "Joker" Patton contributed largely to the success of the Victoria-Saanich body at that time.

SKET-TRAP CLUB

The Victoria Skeet and Gun Club, located on Albert Head Road, has already made good progress on its comeback trail. And it is the ambition of its officials to get the international skeet and trap competitions of earlier years back on the club's spring and summer agenda in '46. These shoots attracted the finest scatter-gun marksmen in the Pacific northwest.

Bill Lucas, secretary of the Vancouver Island Rifle and Gun Club, located on the Sooke Road about half a mile past Glen Lake store, says that this youngest Victoria and district sportsmen's club will have an active 1946 program.

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Crimson Tide Rolls Over Vancouver 16-6

Although the prospects of Victoria making much headway this season on the provincial rugby front looked pretty gloomy at the season's outset because of the poor start in the after-war revival of the sport here, a new spirit of optimism reigns in the ranks of followers today after they had witnessed the crushing 16 to 6 defeat administered by the city's **Crimson Tide** to visiting Vancouver Lions Saturday at Macdonald Park.

Close to 1,000 fans turned out to watch the "Big Three" battle. It was hard-fought all the way, although stoppages to treat injured players cut down the game's exciting flavor in the last half. As teams slugged it out on the muddy pitch tempers became frayed early. First flew on two occasions.

Victoria is now tied with Varsity for the lead in the McKeech Cup standings. **Crimson Tide** has over a month to get ready for their next tussle. This will be on the mainland against Lions Feb. 3. They will oppose Varsity here Feb. 16. Next "Big Three" battle is slated for Jan. 19 on the mainland between Lions and U.B.C.

BETTER SQUAD

The crimson-sweated locals, flashing the fight and aggressiveness of prewar Tides, wout the more dangerous throughout the day's play. Three tries and two conversions gave them 13 points in first-half play. They were outscored by Vancouver six points to three in the last session.

Featuring the Victoria team was the hard-punching, ever-on-the-ball forward line of Bray, Van Druten, Dalziel, Albie and Ritchie Williams. Denham and Gornall, the superb broken field running, terrific speed and tackling ability of Jack Gibbs of the three line. But, generally speaking, the whole Victoria team played well and hard. Olsen was a cool, dependable fullback. While the three-line of Carney, Gibbs, Blades and Gillespie seldom got off on runs, they were brilliant on the defence and made substantial individual gains, three of these paying off with tries. Johnston, a top-ranking five-eighths, and scrum half Loft turned in commendable performances.

R. H. "Bob" McInnes, Victoria manager, expressed his satisfaction with the performance of the team at the game's end. It is not considered likely there will be any major changes before the **Crimson Tide's** next fight. There is a report, though, that Andy Johnston is leaving town.

Vancouver's forward line bested Victoria in the tight scrum in getting the ball out to its chief scoring threat, the three-quarters, but every effort by this line to collect points was squashed by a hard-tackling Victoria defence. Both forward lines kept well up on the ball, with Sammy Caros

outstanding in the visitors' front-line.

GIBBS OUTSTANDING

The crowd showered applause on Gibbs in the first half when he scored two three-pointers on a pair of spectacular 35-yard broken field dashes, cutting his way through a major portion of the opposing team both times. Gillespie, one of Victoria's shining stars, who made the openings for Gibbs' successful drives, scored the only other try for the locals in this half, following up Olsen's unsuccessful try to bag a field goal from 30 yards out, collaring the ball and going over. Olsen made two of the conversion kicks good.

Hicks, Vancouver three-quarter, and Elvin, forward, contributed the visitors' two tries in the last half, both originating from five-yard scrums at Victoria's end. Ritchie Williams made the Tide score 16. A three-quarter run started by Carney saw Blades go over only to lose possession on being tackled. Williams, right behind him, got to the ball first and fell on it. Winters, the lad who tackled Blades, hurt his leg, was taken off. The result was Vancouver finished the game one player short.

Early in the game fists started flying in the fracas started by 230-pound Carney and Caros. Several players were in the melee before referee Sid Gaunt got things under control. No players were sent off the field. Later Ritchie Williams had a tangle with a Vancouver player. It was short-lived, however, teammates pulling them apart.



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N.H.L. Expansion Plans Main Cause Of Minors' Protest

NEW YORK (CP)—Clashes between the National and the American Professional Hockey Leagues—disclosed Friday by officials of the two circuits—are the result of a postwar drive toward expansion on the part of the N.H.L., an official of the New York Rangers said here Sunday.

President Mervyn (Red) Dutton of the N.H.L. has ambitious plans, now that the war is over, for taking the major loop into new cities and some observers feel that the American League is starting a drive to protect the cities where it holds franchises.

The opening gun of this A.H.L. campaign, it was felt by the Rangers' officials—who declined to be named—was fired Friday by Al Sutphin, president of the A.H.L.'s Cleveland Barons, who disclosed that so far this season the two circuits have operated without their usual agreement, which provides for player drafts to the N.H.L. similar to the major baseball league drafts from the minors.

PROTECT TERRITORY
The Ranger spokesmen said the crux of the matter lies in the territorial rights. Ever since Dutton succeeded the late Frank Calder as league president, he has been in favor of expanding the N.H.L. considerably.

The Ranger official pointed to the significance of the mention of Philadelphia—formerly one of the strongholds of the A.H.L.—He said Philadelphia has plans to build a large arena with major league seating capacity.

The Ranger official said that even if the leagues do not reach an agreement, present interclub arrangements between the N.H.L. and A.H.L. clubs will not be affected.

Maurice Podoloff, president of the American league, has attempted to pour oil on the troubled waters. He declared that while no agreement has been signed and no draft could be held without a pact, "we have been working in the closest harmony with the national league and will continue to do so."

Hockey Standings

N.H.L.	Goals
Canadiens 13	2 76 59 28
Chicago 12	3 103 83 27
Detroit 10	6 4 68 57 24
Boston 9	5 6 73 66 24
Toronto 7	15 3 70 94 17
Rangers 5	15 2 59 85 12

Shamlock Retains Coast Scoring Lead

VANCOUVER (CP)—Eddie Shamlock, Portland centre iceman, increased his lead in the scoring race of the Pacific Coast Hockey League during a hectic week of point-getting, and is now 11 points ahead of his nearest rival, Red Carr, another Portland forward. Shamlock has scored 26 goals and made plays for 32 others, for a total of 58 points, while Carr has netted 18 times and assisted on 29 other counters, for an aggregate of 47. Shorty Coombs of Seattle moved ahead of Bill Carse of Vancouver into third place on Sunday night with 43 points as against Carse's 42.

Vancouver, Seattle Win Hockey Games

Two games went into overtime and the Seattle Ironmen climbed one step up out of the basement in Pacific Coast Hockey League warfare last night. Southward in San Diego, Los Angeles Monarchs slammed in a goal at 1:41 of the first overtime period to take the game from San Diego Skyhawks 4 to 3. At Portland, Vancouver Canucks had a tough time taking the game from the Portland Eagles 5 to 4. In overtime Chuck Millman netted the winning goal unassisted while Red Carr and Dick Gray warmed the bad boy bench for fighting on the ice. In Seattle, the Ironmen defeated New Westminster Royals 4 to 2, breaking a three-game losing streak. The northwest circuit will see the San Diego Skyhawks in action for the next couple of weeks, as the California team leaves on a northern invasion today during which it will play six games in nine days.

Nanaimo Blasts Legion 11-0 To Gain Second Spot

Nanaimo clinched the runner-up spot in the Victoria and District Football League Sunday by overwhelming Canadian Legion 11 to 0 at Nanaimo in the final game of the season. Victoria West won the league championship. The home squad moved into a 6 to 0 lead in the first half and coasted in the final 45 minutes in the wake of an additional five goals.

Frank English and Johnny Easterbrook each scored four goals. Other counters fell to Uke Grey and Dave Simpson, the latter with a pair.

In an exhibition game Saturday Victoria West, first division league champions, turned back Oak Bay, second division leaders, 7 to 3. Fielding a weakened eleven the greenshirts were three goals down in the early stages but soon settled down to drive through for seven straight counters.

Knappett put the Bays ahead 1 to 0, converting his own rebound to beat Chuck Restall in the West's goal. Thompson made it 2 to 0 from a penalty and Knappett added his second to make the score 3 to 0. Cooper provided the West's first score just before half time.

West's shuffled their club around in the second half and the changes brought results as Cooper drove through for four goals, Hayward sniped one and McLaughlin added the sixth.

Record Opening Day Crowd at Santa Anita

ARCADIA, Calif. (AP)—Louis B. Mayer's Honeymoon won the one mile California Breeders' Champion Stakes, \$25,000 added, for two-year-olds, before an opening-day crowd of 48,000 at Santa Anita Park Saturday. Mayer's three-year-old gelding, Money Bags, won the race, the year's biggest test for juveniles. Money Bags was second by two lengths and Charivari third. H. N. Isenberg's Going With Me ran fourth in a strung-out field.

Jockey Johnny Longden, formerly of Taber, Alta., rode the winner, whose time was 1:38 4-5. Mayer, the United States' second ranking money winner of the year, grossed \$29,165 on his three entries, divided as follows: Honeymoon \$20,165, Money Bags \$6,000 and Charivari \$3,000. Jockey Alf Shelhamer was seriously injured in a spectacular five-horse spill in the third race.

Results follow:
First race—Six furlongs: Me Does (Peberson) \$120.00 \$10.10 \$7.00; Pato Babe (Blevens) \$2.50 \$2.50; Pato Gonzalo (Harris) \$15.50; Stratched: Charishak, Miracle Bill, Black Fox, Gold Gaffer.
Second race—Six furlongs: First Admiral (Gummers) \$12.50 \$4.50 \$3.50; Infinity Shik (Naves) \$11.40 \$7.20; Chickie D. D. (Stevens) \$10.50; Stratched: Chaudron, Vegas Chance, Berger, Charlie Noble.
Third race—One mile: Jocky R. (Zufelt) \$57.50 \$26.00 \$10.50; K. Justice (London) \$6.00 \$3.50; Monticelli (Shakus) \$8.50; Stratched: Port Blue, Lady Sweeper, Polled, Alshah.
Fourth race—Six furlongs: Calladamon (Naves) \$7.10 \$4.70 \$4.20; Widow Peak (London) \$5.50 \$3.50; Darby Day (Alkinson) \$4.00.
Fifth race—Six furlongs: Arid Lad (Woolf) \$17.50 \$12.50 \$2.40; Rich Resolve (Corbett) \$2.50 \$2.50; Stratched: Adams, Reward (Adams).
Sixth race—One mile: Honeymoon (London) \$42.50 \$25.50 \$12.40; Money Bags (Adams) \$2.50 \$2.50; Stratched: Ted.
Seventh race—Six furlongs: El Lobo (Zufelt) \$5.50 \$2.50 \$2.40; Louie (Perrman) \$2.50 \$2.50; Pride of Myro (Naves) \$2.50; Stratched: On Down.
Eighth race—One mile and one-sixteenth: Ever Roll (W. Bailey) \$16.70 \$8.40 \$5.10; Wire Brie (London) \$2.50 \$2.50; Stratched: Queen Justice, U.S. Salute, Market Place.

Play at Nanaimo

Victoria midget and juvenile hockey teams will travel to Nanaimo tomorrow for exhibition games. The midgets will go into action at 2:30 and the juveniles an hour later. Local players making the trip follow: Midgets: Suffern, Brookbond, Harkin, Derry, Whittingham, Noel, Green, Kawalyk, Dickinson, Duncan and McConachie. Juveniles: Aitken, Woolford, Shepherd, Elphick, Fawcett, Davis, Oberg, Holding, McCreary, Griffin, Bertrand, Bennett, Haggert, McConachie, Stephenson, Stone and Wong.

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Vancouver's Ice Interest Soars With Allan Cup Finals In West

TORONTO (CP)—The Allan Cup play-offs for Canada's senior hockey championship, suspended in 1944-45 because of war conditions, will be renewed this season with the final round in western Canada, the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association announced today.

The announcement, sequel to the association's semi-annual meeting here this week-end, said the final round will be played in Vancouver if a British Columbia team qualified. Otherwise the final would be played in the "eligible" prairie city.

The Memorial Cup series for hockey's junior championship has been awarded to Toronto, starting April 13. The announcement, containing a complicated Allan Cup "draw," also said the C.A.H.A. has accepted a British Columbia offer to have the association's annual meeting in Vancouver May 2 to 4, that past president Frank Sargent and vice-president Al Picard would supervise western senior and junior play-offs, and that president Hanson Dowell and vice-president Norman Dave will similarly supervise eastern play-offs, all to be on a point basis.

NEW REGULATIONS
Regulations governing service and ex-service personnel playing hockey under C.A.H.A. jurisdiction this season were defined during the week-end. The regulations:

1. A player from the armed forces discharged before signing and playing with an affiliated club is a free agent.
2. A player still a member of the armed forces, stationed at the centre where he played last season, is the property of that club.
3. A player on industrial leave, located in the centre where he played last season, is the property of that club.
4. A player on industrial leave which expires or a player discharged after the season starts becomes the property of the club with which he starts the season, if he remains in that centre.

"These regulations are in immediate effect and are null and void once a team starts their play-offs," said an announcement. "In other words, no additions will be permitted under the above regulations once a team enters its own group play-downs."

THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson

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Year of Important Progress Ahead Of T.C.A. Says Symington

MONTREAL—"The year 1946 will be one of important progress," said H. J. Symington, C.M.G., K.C., president of Trans-Canada Airlines, in his annual report released today. "T.C.A. will introduce a new twin-engine fleet of DC-3 aircraft and hopes to take delivery of the first Canadian-built DC-6's. This will mean service on new routes and increased frequency on established ones. Some, at least, of the recently assigned trans-border services will begin. A fourth daily trans-continental schedule will be added at an early date. A direct Winnipeg-Edmonton service will be inaugurated as soon as the required airport facilities are completed at Saskatoon."

"In common with civil air transport operators everywhere, T.C.A. recognized the time as one for expansion and increased public service. Those sacrifices of commercial aircraft and personnel that for five years prohibited the normal growth of non-military aviation are being overcome. Although industry and manpower are still in process of readjustment, the air line is already enlarging its fleet and strengthening its organization with many talented ex-service personnel."

DUAL RESPONSIBILITY
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"In 1945, T.C.A. again exhibited the capabilities that in eight years have raised it to the stature of a major airline and that hold such promise for the future."

At the end of this year, domestic routes totaled 5,299 miles, including an east-west service from St. John's, Newfoundland, to Victoria, B.C., and north-south branches reaching into New York, London, Windsor, Calgary and Edmonton. Mr. Symington reported. During 1945, T.C.A. aircraft flew 10,552,000 revenue miles, an increase of 1,441,526 over 1944.

Passenger and express traffic continued their steady eight-year climb with the former being limited only by the number and size of aircraft available. Mail traffic declined slightly as the period of reconversion began. Passengers numbered 180,000, an increase of 23,116. Mail weighed 3,372,000 pounds, a decrease of 167,105 pounds. Express weighed 921,000 pounds, an increase of 64,984 pounds.

Plans call for a new fleet of both four-engine and new twin-engine aircraft, these latter of greater seating capacity than the 10 and 14-seat types now being flown. The entry into service of three twin-engine 21-passenger DC-3's marked the opening phase of this program. Twenty-one additional DC-3's are being procured and will see service by the summer of the new year, Mr. Symington said.

VICTORIA-SEATTLE FLIGHT
The year also saw the allocation to Canada of six more trans-border air routes into the United States. Mr. Symington said. They are: Halifax-Boston, Toronto-Cleveland, Toronto-Chicago, Port Arthur-Duluth, Whitehorse-Fairbanks and Victoria-Seattle.

Total T.C.A. staff increased by 12 per cent during 1945. The company has employed over 1,000 ex-servicemen and servicewomen, in addition to the 300 T.C.A. personnel on military leave of absence, many of whom are now returning to the air line. Approximately 35 per cent of all T.C.A. employees have seen military service.

B.C. Government Faces Year Of Great Activity In 1946

British Columbia's government leaders today face the future with greater confidence than any provincial government in more than a decade.

Born during months of international adversity just preceding the Pearl Harbor attack, and nourished during succeeding months when the Pacific coast was threatened with attack by the Japanese, the Coalition government in 1945 won an overwhelming mandate from the people during the Oct. 25 provincial general election. Its past policies and its future plans endorsed, the government of Premier John Hart and Attorney-General R. L. Maitland is now planning some of the most sweeping provincial reforms attempted by any administration in history.

The Coalition government already in 1945 and before had shown the scope of legislation it was willing to sponsor.

Outstanding at the last session of the provincial Legislature was the passing of the Power Bill, which provided for the setting up of the B.C. Power Commission which has, in eight months of operation, taken over three power utilities and let most of the contracts for the development of 25,000 horsepower electrical energy from Campbell River.

While the act has received little notice since its passing, legislation to integrate social services rendered by the provincial government, was also effected at the 1945 session of the provincial parliament.

At least two big pieces of legislation are slated for forthcoming sessions of the Legislature.

First will be the enactment of laws to provide for implementation of the Cameron report on educational finance, which recommended sweeping reforms, with the provincial government assuming almost double its former role in providing the revenue for education.

FOREST POLICY REVISION
A complete revision of the provincial forest policy is slated for the forthcoming or succeeding session if the Legislature. The Sloan report on forest operation is expected to be turned over to the government by the sole commissioner early in the new year. It is doubtful, however, that forest department authorities will have sufficient time to study the report and map policy before the House convenes about Feb. 20.

Other departments of the provincial government are looking forward to 1946 as a year of maximum activity. Important to the future of British Columbia are the sessions Jan. 8 and following of Premier John Hart's seven-man committee studying the extension of the provincially-owned P.G.E. Railway and development of the northeastern quarter of the province.

The public works department of Hon. Herbert Anscomb—second largest spender of provincial revenue—already undertaken several large road-building projects, including the Peace River and the Hope-Princeton Highways, is planning the expenditure of several million dollars in 1946 on public buildings, roads, bridges and other works.

Setting a record in 1944 and equalling or bettering it in 1945,

B.C.'s agricultural production in 1945 is expected to set a new high. Surpluses which during the war years have been shipped to Britain and other Allied countries now will go to aid in feeding Europe.

The greatest development in years is anticipated by the mines department as mines, dormant during the war, now are speeding rehabilitation work to produce for a wide market.

Provincial lands department policy on irrigation is scheduled for an overhauling shortly. By next Dec. 31 the province is scheduled to reassume responsibility for labor measures and it is anticipated a new provincial labor code, along with a new schedule of minimum wages, will be available when the Dominion wartime regulations pass into oblivion.

The most vital phase of British Columbia's political life, however, will be decided at the Dominion-Provincial conferences. At these negotiations it will be decided whether the Dominion government will continue to receive the full benefit of the lucrative income-corporation revenue source or whether the provincial government again will enter this taxation field. To what extent the province will be allowed to tax, or for what the province will forfeit this right will be negotiated in Ottawa.



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Dominion to Take Yarrows No. 2 Yard; Disposal Not Known

Yarrows Ltd. No. 2 yard will soon be taken over by the Dominion government, a Yarrows shipyard official said today. War Assets Corporation in Vancouver say there is no information there yet as to disposal of the shipyard.

If, however, the yard does go up for sale through W.A.C., Yarrows will have top priority to purchase the establishment, and it is possible the yard may return to its original operators.

To strengthen the opinion the yard may be sold by W.A.C., a shipyard official said it was unlikely the government would wish to operate the yard itself.

While acknowledging Yarrows could have priority over other firms in the purchase of the yard, the official would not say whether or not his firm would make the purchase. However, he added, "If anyone buys it, I imagine we will."

The yard, equipped with two large launching ways, a machine shop, plate shop and other buildings needed in ship construction, was officially established three years ago. It was built and developed by Yarrows with the Dominion government, and the Victoria company took a leading part in financing the project.

The yard, although remaining

under the jurisdiction of Yarrows, has not been in operation since November, when a slow-down in shipbuilding caused it to be closed down.

The shipbuilding capacity of the yard is extensive, and it is capable of producing large-sized freighters. A total of 11 ships have been launched from the ways there and included two 10,000-ton freighters, seven other freighters and five transport ferries.

Charge Dismissed Against Doctor

Dr. John S. McCallum was found not guilty of driving a car while intoxicated, and the charge against him was dismissed in city police court today, by Magistrate Henry C. Hall.

Dr. McCallum, represented by Gordon Cameron, had pleaded not guilty to the charge, which resulted from an accident on Pandora Avenue between Vancouver and Cook Streets at approximately 8.30 the night of Dec. 16.

Medical evidence showed there was no intoxication. Magistrate Hall said in handing down his judgment, and medical evidence in this case, was given by men who had seen him shortly before and shortly after the accident.

"There is also the evidence of yourself, that you were driving a car on this occasion when just immediately prior to the collision, there was a blow-out which wrenched the wheel in your car, causing this collision," Magistrate Hall continued.

"The tire was produced in court and while from my own observation, I could not tell whether it was a blow-out or not, there is no substantial evidence to contradict the statement that there was a blow-out."

Dr. McCallum had stated in his evidence that the right front tire of the car he was driving had a blow-out.

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Town Topics

Ss. Empire Marlham, Kitlano Park and Westend Park are all due in from deep sea before Jan. 2, B.C. Pilotage Authority, Dallas Road, said today. The three ships will berth at Vancouver.

Joe North reports the sum of \$51.10 was collected at the football game at Macdonald Park Saturday towards the North Davies fruit fund which provides Christmas fruit for hospital patients and city institutions.

Henry Meyerhoff of Crescent Shows has written the city council to apply for permission to hold a show in Victoria, May 6 to May 18 under the same terms as previous years. He offers to be present at any council meeting to explain the terms.

The Joint Council of Public Employees has written the city council asking that "in line with the practice prevailing in the majority of B.C. municipalities, the cost-of-living bonus be incorporated in the basic wage scale." The group represents eight organizations of civil employees in various departments.

A meeting of Victoria College Council was held on Saturday to review Faculty recommendations in connection with Christmas examination results. All such recommendations were approved. A point of special interest was the fact that in the First Year, two returned men ranked first and second respectively. The work of returned men in general was most satisfactory.

The first completed wartime house for veterans at 2813 Scott Street will remain open to the public for inspection New Year's Day from 10 in the morning until 4 in the afternoon. Ald. Edward Williams, manager of Victoria Housing Ltd., said today. To date more than 3,000 people have inspected the house, which has been furnished for demonstration purposes by McLennan, McFeely & Prior Ltd.

P.O. Robert Lamb of the Royal Navy has written M. F. Hunter, city clerk, asking if it is possible to obtain a picture of the Parliament Buildings illuminated with the outline lights. He tells of visiting the city last Sunday and how impressed he was with the beauty of the buildings, and how much he wants the picture of "a grand souvenir of your city to show our families when we return to England." He is at present at 1021 Marine Building, Vancouver.

Company Registrations Set New All-Time High

An all-time record of registrations under the Companies Act was set today at the Parliament Buildings.

At noon today registrations for the month had totaled 132 and they were still pouring in.

The previous high figure, 111, set in September, was thus bettered. Registrations for the year will exceed 1,000 by a considerable figure.

Total registrations for December and for 1945 will not be available for some time.

Hotel Douglas Sold

It was announced today that the 100-room Hotel Douglas, on the southeast corner of Douglas Street and Pandora Avenue, has been sold to local owners by the Credit Foncier Franco-Canadian Company of Montreal at a reported price of \$150,000.

The hotel in future will be operated by the Hotel Douglas Company, Limited, of which the present hotel manager, Mr. J. "Em" Neely, will be managing director. Mr. Neely, who has been the manager of this well-known hostelry for the past seven years, has had a life-time experience in the hotel business, having served in all departments of the King George Hotel and was manager of the Barry Hotel, both of Saskatoon, prior to his transfer to Victoria.

Since settling here he has been prominently identified with local activities, particularly the tourist and publicity section of the Chamber of Commerce, the newly-formed Victoria-Banquet-Club and other organizations fostering tourist and sporting development.

In an interview today Mr. Neely disclosed that all the upper floors of the hotel had been completely renovated at a cost of approximately \$40,000, and that he plans further improvements, the work under consideration to be done as soon as material shortages are overcome. It is expected that all rooms will shortly be provided with private baths and showers, the public rotunda will be enlarged, and a coffee shop will be added to the present dining room.

Mr. Neely is enthusiastic about the future possibilities for local tourist trade. While in his opinion present hotel accommodation is adequate for the present demand, he considers the necessity of constantly improving the facilities afforded the traveling public.

5 in Hospital From Tofino Plane Crash

Canadian Pacific Air Lines officials announced today that five passengers of a company plane which crashed while landing at Tofino Saturday were reported to be still in hospital being treated for shock and exposure. All passengers escaped with minor injuries. The pilot, R. L. Salter, was flown to his home in Victoria to rest. He was not injured.

The passengers, who were taken to Tofino Bay hospital to recover, were: R. G. Brown and Andrew Pollack, both of Vancouver; Mrs. L. P. Wilson, Tahsis, B.C.; P. Nicholson and S. Macdonell.

The plane was on a routine flight from Vancouver to Tofino and Zeballos, west coast of Vancouver Island. After it struck the water the plane is believed to have hit a submerged log. Rescue boats were dispatched from shore immediately.

The passengers and pilot climbed from the cabin onto the wing and were exposed to the cold weather for a time before the plane sank and were left struggling in the water.

SPECTATOR COLLAPSED

The crash was apparently too much for Wilfred Armitage, elderly resident of Tofino, who collapsed and died while watching the rescue from his home. He is believed to have suffered a heart attack.

Pilot Salter, who has taken part in two plane crash rescues on the coast, had been on the Victoria-Vancouver run until a few days ago when he was transferred to the flight to Tofino and Zeballos from Vancouver. He flew with a company in Manitoba before joining the C.P.A.L. during the war.

He came to Victoria with his wife a few months ago and is at present making his home with his mother and father, Dr. and Mrs. A. P. Salter, 2130 Central Avenue.

Pilot Salter was responsible for the rescue of two members of the R.C.A.F. who crashed near Comox in 1943, and in the rescue of a number of air force personnel, including W.D.'s, from a burning R.A.F. transport which crashed while taking off at Port Hardy in 1944.

In the Port Hardy crash, Pilot Salter saw the burning plane from his plane flying above. He landed and pushed his plane in close then went to the burning plane and at the risk of his own life, managed to pull out a number of the occupants of the blazing plane and drag them behind nearby trees as protection against the explosion which, when it came, took the lives of those left in the plane.

Engine Trouble Returns Letitia

The hospital ship Letitia which started on her way to the United Kingdom Saturday afternoon to transport British war brides to Canada is back in Esquimalt again for additional repairs to her engines.

The Letitia, which was dry-docked here in the middle of the month for repairs by Yarrows Ltd., was rushed away with only partial repairs and overhaul in order to get her in service as quickly as possible.

She had sailed past William Head and was on her way down the straits when she developed engine trouble and was forced to turn back.

She was berthed alongside the drydock on Sunday afternoon where Yarrows will do the additional necessary repairs. The work is expected to take only a few days.

Blame Burglaries On Young Thieves

Breaking and entering of three premises in the city over the week-end appeared to be the work of youths, city police investigators said today.

Some jewelry was included in loot, valued at about \$80, which was stolen from the home of Miss W. Robinson, 718 Kings Road. Police said the burglars could have entered the house through several windows which had been left open.

Besides a bracelet, two necklaces and two jewel boxes taken, missing also were four war savings certificates, three boxes of cigarettes, two boxes of chocolates and two letters.

Thieves who broke into the Model Sheet Metal Company at 2010 Douglas Street and ransacked the office, broke a typewriter and stole two boxes of cigarettes and some cigars. They also drank a bottle of soft drink before leaving. A lock had been forced on a basement door.

A pocket knife and a pair of pliers were stolen from the Enamel and Heating Works, Government and Pembroke Streets. A door had been forced.

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Five Injured In Traffic Accidents
Mrs. A. Jones, Douglas Hotel, received injuries to her right leg when knocked down by a car driven by Joseph Hall, 915 Lodge Street, at Douglas and Pandora Streets, Saturday evening, police reported.

The injured woman was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital by Constables Norman Bath and J. D. Blackstock. She was hit while crossing Douglas Street.

Allan Tregellas, 1020 Chamberlain Street, a motorman of the B.C. Electric Railway Co. Ltd. was treated at Jubilee Hospital for leg injuries when the street car he was operating collided with another streetcar which was at a standstill on Government Street near Queens Avenue Saturday night, police also reported. Two women passengers in Tregellas' car suffered bruises but did not require hospital treatment.

A car driven by Allen Robillard, 3010 Balfour Street, was damaged considerably when it hit a city garbage truck which was parked on Douglas Street near Fisguard Street at 8 this morning.

Mrs. Alice Trowell, Devonshire House, was taken to Jubilee Hospital Sunday morning by Constables Bob Davidson and Stan Holmes of the city police when she received a bad cut behind her right ear after falling to the pavement when a small

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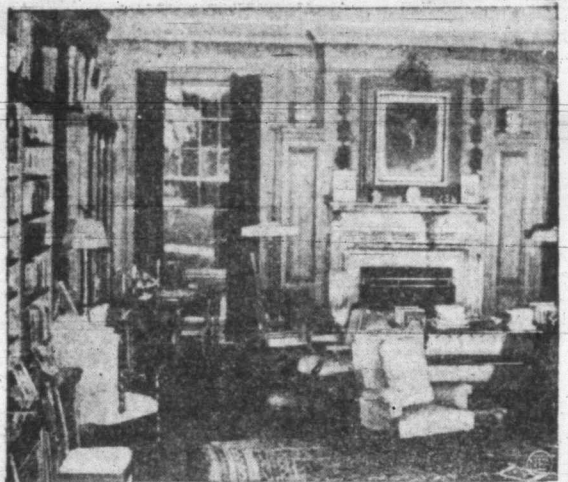
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First Photos Show Simplicity of Late President's Home

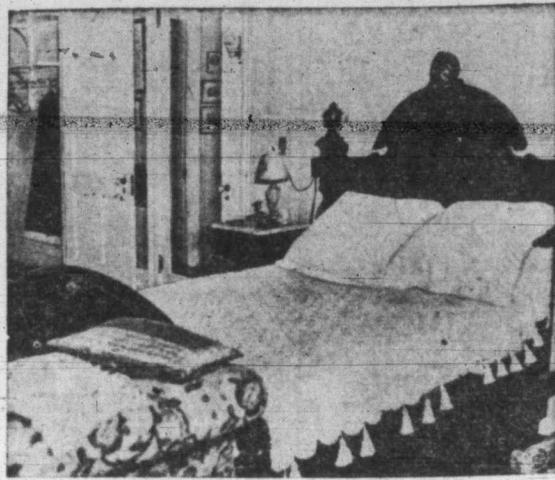


Almost Spartan simplicity marks the late President's boyhood bedroom, with its plain brass bed and single electric light.

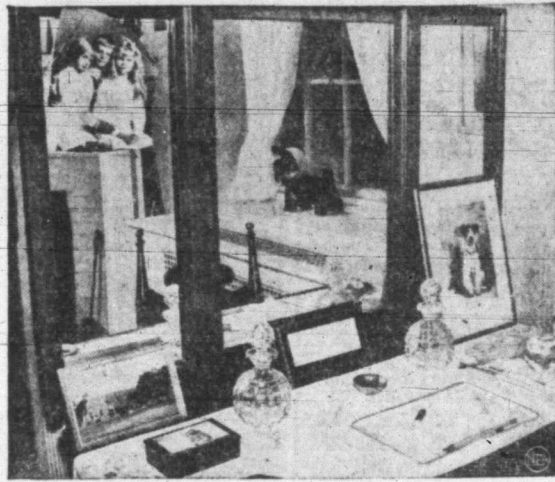


The east end of the Hyde Park living-room. The fireplace is of gray marble; an identical one is at other side of the room.

The photos shown here are the first ever permitted to be taken inside the Roosevelt family home at Hyde Park, N.Y., which will be opened to the public as a museum in 1946. Although the house frequently is referred to as a "mansion," the keynote of all the pictures is simplicity of furnishing and the homely "lived-in" atmosphere to be found in the average American home.



The President's massive, hand-carved wooden bed has a hand-crocheted spread. In the closet is seen his navy cape.



Late President Roosevelt's dresser has a picture of his children, Elliott, James and Anna, held in place with a large hatpin.

Uncle Ray

ROMAN GOD JANUS HAD TWO FACES

As we get close to the New Year, we may think of an olden god. His name was Janus, and he held a place in the religion of the Roman people.

Janus was the god of "openings." He was supposed to guard over gates and doorways. From him came the name of January, the opening month of the modern year.

One interesting thing about Janus is the fact that he was pictured with two faces. "I was said that he looked back to the old year with one face, and looked toward the next year with the other face."

Most Roman gods were "borrowed" from the Greeks. In other words, the Romans heard about Greek deities and started to worship them, but changed their names. One case of that kind was of Zeus or Jupiter. The Romans spoke of "Zeus Pater," meaning "Zeus the Father," and "Zeus Pater" was still like "Zewpater," and still became "Jupiter."

However, Janus was a native Italian. Nothing like him known to the Greeks.

The Romans said that Janus was the first god they prayed to him as

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"the god of the rising sun," or was sacred, or holy, to Janus. For



Portrait of the two-faced Janus made by a Roman

"god-of-the-dawn." Some Romans said that Janus was greater than Jupiter.

Going back into Roman history, we find that there was a time when March was the first month of the year, instead of January. New Year's Day came on the first of March. That explains why September was given its name, which means "seventh month." In the same way, October was the eighth month of the Roman year.

After January and February were made the starting months of the year, September became the ninth month and October the tenth month, but the old names were kept.

Julius Caesar lived a century after January became the first month of the year. He ordered further changes in the calendar. To prepare for his new calendar he gave a certain year 80 extra days. That was done to straighten out troubles which had come from the calendar used before Caesar's time. Sixty-seven of the extra days came between November and December. If there had been a Christmas feast in those days, children would have felt that the holiday was very slow in coming!

For general interest section of your scrapbook.

Next Big 3 Meet May Be in U.S.A.

WASHINGTON (AP)—James F. Byrnes, United States Secretary of State, announced Saturday Foreign Commissar Molotov of Russia and Foreign Secretary Bevin of Britain have agreed to hold the next meeting of Big Three foreign ministers in Washington.

Michael McDermott, state department press officer, said the ministers had set no date for the Washington meeting.

Russia to date has not announced Mr. Molotov would head the Soviet delegation to the U.N.O. Assembly meeting, but most United States officials believe the Foreign Commissar will leave the Foreign Commissar in the wide area of agreement reached by the three foreign ministers.

Chesterfield Retains Leadership In League North With 4-0 Win

LONDON (CP)—Chesterfield retained the leadership of Britain's soccer League North Sat. with a 4 to 0 victory over Blackburn Rovers.

Everton and Blackpool, both in second place, held their positions after ties. Everton tied 2 to 2 with Liverpool and Blackpool 1 to 1 with Bolton. Fifty thousand spectators watched the Everton-Liverpool game.

Sheffield United also shares second place and Stoke City is fourth.

In League South, Charlton Athletic remained on top after beating Newport 2 to 0. Aston Villa held second position after being held to a 2 to 2 draw by West Ham. Birmingham City stayed in third spot with a 2 to 1 win over Coventry.

In Third Division South, South Section, Crystal Palace still led although trounced 6 to 1 by the second place Cardiff City. Bristol City was third after drawing 3 to 3 with the lowly Reading Club.

In the North Section of Third Division South, Queen's Park Rangers, the leading team, beat Mansfield Town 3 to 2. Norwich City upset by Clapton Orient, who won 3 to 0. Norwich City still is in second place, however, while the third place Port Vale strengthened its position with a 3 to 0 win over Notts County.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE DIVISION B
Airdrieonians 2, East Fife 0.
Aberdeen 1, Alloa 2.

LEAGUE THREE NORTH, EAST REGION
Bradford City 2, Carlisle United 3.
Lincoln City 1, Darlington 2.
York City 1, Doncaster Rovers 2.

LEAGUE NORTH
Barnsley 1, Burnley 2.
Bolton Wanderers 1, Blackpool 1.
Burnley 3, Newcastle United 2.
Chesterfield 2, Blackburn Rovers 0.
Everton 2, Liverpool 2.
Huddersfield Town 1, Bradford 1.
Leeds United 2, Grimsby Town 2.
Manchester United 4, Middlesbrough 1.
Preston North End 1, Grimsby Town 2.
Sheffield Wednesday 1, Manchester City 1.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE DIVISION A
Celtic 3, Hearts 5.
Falkirk 3, Rangers 3.
Hibernian 3, Clyde 2.
Kilmarnock 0, Hamilton Academicals 2.
Motherwell 1, Aberdeen 2.
Partick Thistle 1, Queens Park 3.
Saint Mirren 4, Queens of South 1.
Third Lanark 2, Morton 1.

LEAGUE THREE NORTH, WEST REGION
Barrow 5, Accrington Stanley 4.
Oldham Athletic 2, Chester 3.
Stockport County 2, Tranmere Rovers 1.

LEAGUE SOUTH
Aston Villa 2, West Ham United 2.
Birmingham City 2, Coventry City 0.
Charlton Athletic 2, Newport County 0.
Derby County 3, Brentford 2.
Fulham 3, Nottingham Forest 2.
Leicester City 4, Tottenham Hotspur 0.
Plymouth Argyle 1, Portsmouth 2.
Southampton 7, Chelsea 0.
Sunderland 1, Millwall 0.

LEAGUE THREE SOUTH, NORTH
Clapton Orient 1, Norwich City 0.
Ipswich Town 2, Walsall 3.
Norwich City 0, Southampton 2.
Port Vale 3, Notts County 0.
Queens Park Rangers 3, Mansfield Town 2.

LEAGUE THREE SOUTH, SOUTH
Aldershot 3, Bristol Rovers 2.
Bournemouth and Boscombe 0, Torquay United 2.
Brighton and Hove 4, Swindon Town 3.
Cardiff City 7, Crystal Palace 1.
Queens Park Rangers 3, Mansfield Town 2.
Watford 4, Polish Air Force team 2.

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- (3) Employer and Employee are required to notify the Bureau of cessation of employment. Existing T.P. 3 and T.P. 4 forms should be used for this purpose.

Employers and Technical Persons interested in employment matters are urged to use the facilities of the Bureau, which has offices in Vancouver, Winnipeg, Hamilton, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal and Halifax.

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Veteran and Dealer Face Fraud Charge Over War Credits

Charges of violating the re-establishment credit regulations and War Services Grant Act have been laid against four Vancouver Island men, one of them a discharged overseas veteran, following investigation by R.C.M.P.

Lionel H. Good, Port Alberni furniture dealer, has pleaded guilty to a charge of unlawfully assisting an ex-soldier in securing money from his re-establishment credit, contrary to the War Services Grants Act. He was fined \$200 and costs in Port Alberni police court.

At the veteran's request, Good is alleged to have made up a phoney bill of furniture, forwarding it with the necessary forms to the Victoria office of the Department of Veterans Affairs for payment. Meantime, he gave the veteran a sum of money in exchange for the application for re-establishment credit.

Two other men have also been accused of aiding this veteran in obtaining his credits illegally.

Hearings on both these cases have been remanded over the holiday season.

The ex-soldier has been charged under section 27 of the re-establishment regulations for willfully furnishing false information to obtain his credit for himself or on his behalf.

The prosecutions are the first to be recorded in British Columbia, although a furniture dealer in Montreal was sentenced on similar charges last month.

Boys' Parliament Names B.C. Premier

VANCOUVER (CP)—Premier of British Columbia's boy parliament, elected Saturday, is Archie Macaulay, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Macaulay of Vancouver.

An ex-R.C.A.F. officer, Don Cameron of Vancouver is speaker of the house. He was a parliamentarian prior to suspension of the 14th parliament in 1938.

Deputy premier is Oliver Howard, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Howard of Richmond, and his alternate is David Rea, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Rea of Vancouver.

Premier Macaulay and speaker Cameron are from Chown United Church, deputy premier Howard is from Richmond United, and his alternate is from Ryerson United.

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"I know how we can get him to eat what's good for him—let's put him on Krations for a while!"

WORLD SURVEY

By DEWITT MACKENZIE

Associated Press World Traveler
BRITAIN BRACES FOR REBUILDING TASK

LONDON (AP)—These are the closing hours of the year when one checks on past failures and hopes for the future, and since your columnist is sitting amongst his baggage, waiting to move on to fresh adventures on the Continent, it's rather natural he should fall to reviewing his observations here in Britain during the past month.

Because physical comforts rank so high in the thoughts of the average person, one immediately is impressed by signs that John Bull has indeed passed through the stages of blood, sweat and tears promised him when the great Churchill assumed the war leadership.

Britain bears terrible scars of battle. Her scale of living in all particulars remains Spartan, for the unhappy reason that her resources still are subnormal and probably will remain so for a considerable time. You don't have to experience this frugal and drab—oh, so drab—food ration for long, or observe the great shortage of clothing and shoes, of virtually all necessities, for that matter, without realizing that Britain has been through hell and isn't out of the mess yet.

ALL JOIN REBUILDING

But the really important fact is that despite what the British people have been through, they are filled with a mighty determination to repair the ravages of war and restore the country to the prosperity which once again will permit that tranquil way of life symbolized by the long week-ends, punting on the Thames or picnicking in the English countryside. John Bull has taken an awful knocking about, but he isn't beaten by a long shot—and he wouldn't know it if he were.

The matter which occupies most serious thoughts is the political experiment the country is making in socialism. Here we have the astonishing circumstances of a traditionally Conservative nation climbing into a leftist covered-wagon and driving off into unknown country in search of a new economic home-stead.

It's no "fluke" that Britain has a Labor—or Socialist—government. Not only did the workers vote for it, but many conservative, middle-class people supported it with the idea of giving Socialism a chance to show whether it could produce something better than the old order. Now it should be emphasized that this doesn't mean the country has gone extremist. It represents a slow swing to the left over a long period, which first began to attract attention a generation ago.

The war has accelerated the movement, but at present we can regard the development as one of moderate socialism.

TO IMPROVE CONDITIONS

Next to the paramount question of general prosperity, the Briton is concerned with an early improvement in living conditions. Foremost in his mind, of course, is better food and clothing. After that is the housing problem, for not only have thousands of buildings been destroyed by bombing, but cessation of construction during the war put the country far behind requirements. And things will be a lot brighter when it is possible to walk into a restaurant and order a regular meal with all the trimmings.

Unionists Charge Wages Cut As Lists Of Jobless Lengthen

The Vancouver Island Joint Labor Conference, representing all A.F.L. and C.C.L. unions in the Victoria area, was told Sunday night that there was a growing tendency among employers in this district to use the present unemployment situation to start reducing wages.

"Evidences were offered at the meeting to show that the situation is becoming increasingly evident," reported the conference. R. F. Williams spoke of the B.C. Bar Association's refusal to allow a returning officer from the R.C.A.F. to practice law in B.C. until rigid financial obstacles had been overcome.

The meeting was told that lawyers were widely used by many employers to oppose any form of workers' security. Many delegates felt that of all organized groups of workers, lawyers were the last ones who should take this stand.

The conference will recommend to the provincial government that the former R.C.A.F. (W.D.) residence, Kildonan House, on Foul Bay Road, be converted into a

RING OUT THE OLD

Greet the New Year with Faith and Confidence...

1945 brought us the glad news of Victory... the war had ended. Now in 1946 we must re-establish our lives to peacetime living, and, as we start on the brink of the New Year, let us resolve to make 1946 a great peacetime year.

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sanatorium for persons suffering from tuberculosis. The Christmas seal campaign was endorsed.

A comprehensive letter was read to the conference from Reconstruction Minister C. D. Howe who said the conference was under misapprehension as to the function of the Regional Reconstruction Council, headed by O. Campney of Vancouver.

Mr. Howe enclosed a full report of the activities and limitations of the council. The report was made in reply to a protest to Ottawa on the lack of action of the committee.

The city council will be asked to keep the conference informed on disposal of recommendations of the conference on transportation matters, now in the hands of the city council transportation committee.

George Wilkinson reported on the recent conference sponsored by the Canadian Legion, Victoria and District Trades and Labor Council and the Victoria Labor

Council and on resolutions forwarded to Ottawa by that group. He also told of the meeting Sunday afternoon of the Veteran Labor Consultative Council.



NEW SESSIONS FOR RETURNED MEN

AT

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JANUARY TO APRIL SESSION: Returned men who enroll in January may take three full courses up to the end of April.

MAY-JUNE SESSION: Returned men may take two full courses during these months, and so complete their year. D.V.A. allowances apply to these sessions exactly as they apply to the regular session.

Interested returned men are asked to register at once with the Registrar of Victoria College, as accommodation is limited.

New Year's Holiday BUS SERVICE

VICTORIA-NANAIMO.....	January 1—Regular Service
SIDNEY.....	
PATRICIA BAY AIRPORT.....	
WEST SAANICH.....	January 1—Sunday Service
SAANICHTON WHARF.....	
DEEP COVE.....	
SALT SPRING ISLAND.....	January 1—Tuesday Service
JORDAN RIVER.....	January 1—9.30 p.m. from City
	January 2—Tuesday Service
KEATING.....	
OLD WEST ROAD.....	January 1—No Service
GORGE LAKEHILL.....	January 1—Sunday Service
BURNSIDE.....	January 1—Holiday Service
AGNES RALPH.....	January 1—Holiday Service
GORDON HEAD.....	January 1—Sunday Service
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